



The Grapevine 16/8/2020

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Anchor#11 –God’s Love poured into our Hearts

We talk about God’s love all the time, well at least I do.

Q. How exactly is God’s love conveyed to us?

Actually that is a great question. The more I think about it the more provocative our reflecting can be, particularly when we consider our everyday lives and the variety of natural possibilities that emerge

For example if we used a cooking metaphor, God’s love is:

Whisked, beaten, kneaded, blended or baked into our lives.

If we were to use a building metaphor, it could be that God’s love is:

Hammered, mortared, nailed, framed or concreted into our lives

What about a clothing metaphor? God’s love is:

Stitched, hemmed, patched, dyed, over-locked into our lives.

We could even try a fishing metaphor, God’s love is

Hooked, trawled, baited, caught or processed into our lives.

Paul came up with his own metaphors, including God’s love being an anchor, and in his writing in Romans 5:5 he names that the reason for our hope is that “God’s love is **POURED** into our hearts.” I love that image.

When I think about all the ways in which Paul could have described God’s love, I wonder why as a Tent Maker he chose **POURED**. What personal experience did he have that shaped his view? After he was shipwrecked did someone pour him a drink, or when in gaol was he dehydrated and someone came to pour him life giving water?

If you had to come up with a metaphor to describe your experience of God’s love which one would you use?

Send me an email, let me know. Any suggestions happily considered for the metaphors...

Ciao for now... Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of faith,
reaching out in God's love, bringing others to Christ.



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with James, Edward, Josiah, Theodore

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"To the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power
and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all
ages, now and forevermore!"
- Jude 1:25

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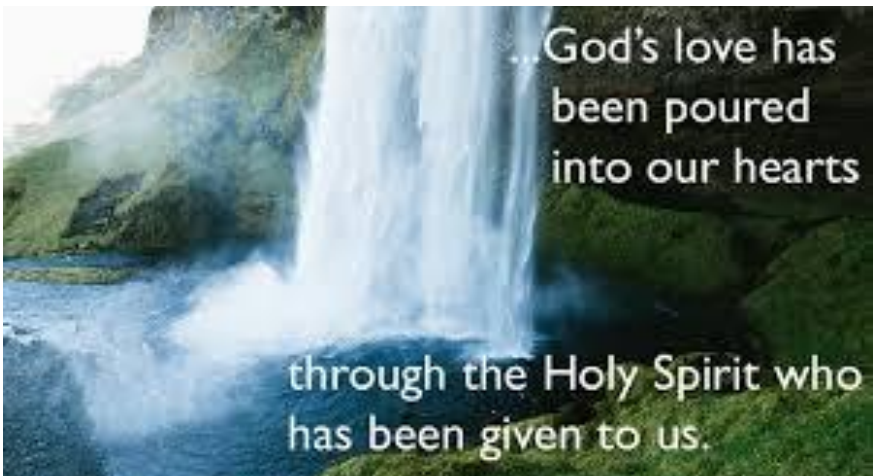
*Unfortunately we have not
been able to plan the Vines
Annual Concert this year due to
Covid 19.*

*As you are probably aware the
proceeds from the concert are
forwarded to MAF.*

*If you would still like to sponsor
the work of MAF in partnership
with Ian and Adele Purdey,
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Join us for online tea and coffee after church again this Sunday

This Sunday, 16th August there will be another VIRTUAL coffee and tea after Church. Visitors welcome!

START TIME SUNDAY 16th August.

Log in between **11:00am – 11:30am** via video conference software called Zoom. Free

Simply click on the link below and you will be automatically sent to the group chat.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5418125736>

Meeting ID: 541 812 5736

Please contact Adrian Spencer if you need help.

LIVE STREAMED SERVICE

Please use the following link to access the live streamed service on Sunday:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

SUNDAY 10.45 AM

ZOOM Children's Sunday Morning Chat 10.45 am with Rev David and co.

If you have Grandchildren who may be interested, then email Rev David at

davidjprior@bigpond.com by end of Friday to get linked in.

SUNDAY 11.00 AM

ZOOM Morning Tea 11.00 am – 11.30 am.

Join in on Sunday morning for an on line catch up.

Let the little children
come to me
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs
the
kingdom
of heaven.

Matthew 19:14 (ESV)



Next Week: 23rd August
ANCHOR SERIES #12

God's love has been poured

ROM 5:5

**THE CHAIN LINKING US TO THE ANCHOR
"GODS LOVE POURED OUT"**

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Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

"Phone a Friend and Choose Life"

'Cos you can't catch the virus over the phone...

But you can pass on God's love!



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