



## The church is loved by God.

1. Paul prays to the Father who names every family in heaven and on earth (verse 15), giving us our identity as chosen and forgiven. He asks the Father to send his Spirit and his Son to believers. What is one thing the Spirit does? Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is one thing Christ Jesus does? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paul prays that believers would KNOW the love of Jesus from the inside out. Comprehending with your “head” (which is important, but not enough) is different than experiencing with your whole being. What do you think experiencing the love of Jesus in a deep way might look like? Sound like? Feel like? Circle the things that experiencing this love, not just knowing about it, might enable you to do:

- Love:

people who are nice to me OR people who are rude, mean or different

-Talk to:

people who are different than me OR people who are just like me

-Spend my savings on:

a coat for a friend who can't afford one OR an electronic device I've wanted

-During quarantine, focus on:

what I'm missing OR being content & looking for how God takes care of me

-When I mess up, I believe:

I am chosen, forgiven and loved OR I need to do more good things to earn God's love

-When a situation is overwhelming:

I believe nothing will change/God doesn't care OR I believe God is with me and equips me

3. Use the back to draw a picture of a plant and label the roots, stem and leaves. Think about how a plant's roots help it to grow and flourish. How does God provide for a believer, “being rooted and grounded in love,” (verse 17), in a similar way?

Plant's roots:

\*provide stability so the plant doesn't fall down in heavy rain or wind

\* draw water and nutrients from the soil up into the stem and leaves

Believers' roots:

\*We have \_\_\_\_\_, even when things are confusing or difficult.

\*We draw \_\_\_\_\_ into ourselves each day, which gives us what we need to grow and do God's work.

God's love is the foundation for everything meaningful, for our purpose and identity. We are never without His love. Through this rich supply, we can love other people.

“I pray... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ.” Ephesians 3:17b-19a

