

EAST VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH TEMPE

Knowing God's Love Through Knowing Our Sin
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1. God's Love for the Unlovable (Ezekiel 16:1-14)

Us	God
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abhorrent, rejected, helpless (Ez 16:1-5) • Dead in transgressions and sin (Eph 2:1) • Sons of disobedience (Eph 2:2) • Children of wrath (Eph 2:3) • Weak...ungodly...sinners (Rom 5:6-8) • Enemies [of God] (Rom 5:10) • Alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds (Colossians 1:21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I said to you in your blood, "Live!" (Ez. 16:6) • But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (Eph 2:1-8) • For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21) • But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. (Rom 5:8,9)

2. The Sinfulness of Sin

- a. [When I sin] My wicked heart chooses Sin Over God

- b. My wicked heart acts inconsistently with my faith?
 - i. If I believe that I have been forgiven 10,000 lifetimes of debt, how can I then be unforgiving? (Matthew 18:21-35)

 - ii. If I believe God gave me His life, how can I then be selfish? (1 John 3:16-18)

 - iii. If I believe that God is supreme and supremely good and I am a creature – dependent and supremely evil – then how can I be proud? (Isaiah 66, etc)

 - iv. If I believe Christ is truly satisfying and that things of this world cannot satisfy, how could I then be discontent and grumble?

- c. My sinful heart attempt to dethrone God

- d. My sinful heart breaks God's law

3. Response:

- a. Confess
- b. Repent
- c. Praise God for His Fathomless Love