

# LOVE'S LIFEblood

## *Philippians 2:1-11*

### **I. Humility is the lifeblood of Christian love (vv. 1-4).**

- A. A haughty spirit is the death of love (v. 3a).
- B. A lowly spirit is the life of love (vv. 3b-4).

### **II. Humility is the lifeblood of Christ's work (vv. 5-11).**

- A. Behold Christ's lowly love (vv. 6-8).
- B. Behold Christ's exalted reward (vv. 9-11).

### **QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP**

1. How would you define Christian love? Why is Paul calling us to love here?
2. Is it possible to truly love people when we are living in pride? Why, or why not?
3. How does humility (i.e., the lowly spirit produced by knowing God) lead to a life of sacrificial love toward others?
4. Why does Paul point us to Christ here? How was Christ humble? And what do we learn from Him about our own humility?
5. How did God reward Christ for His humble, sacrificial, loving obedience? Why ought this to encourage us to love selflessly and sacrificially?
6. What is one way we could grow in love as a family?

### **QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION**

1. Have I "Christianized" my pride? In my interactions with others in the church and in the exercise of my gifts, am I driven by self-oriented ambition or others-oriented ambition?
2. What is one way I could consider a fellow believer as more important than myself in this coming week?
3. Am I seeking to love by my own strength? Or am I looking to Christ and loving others from out of my communion with Him?