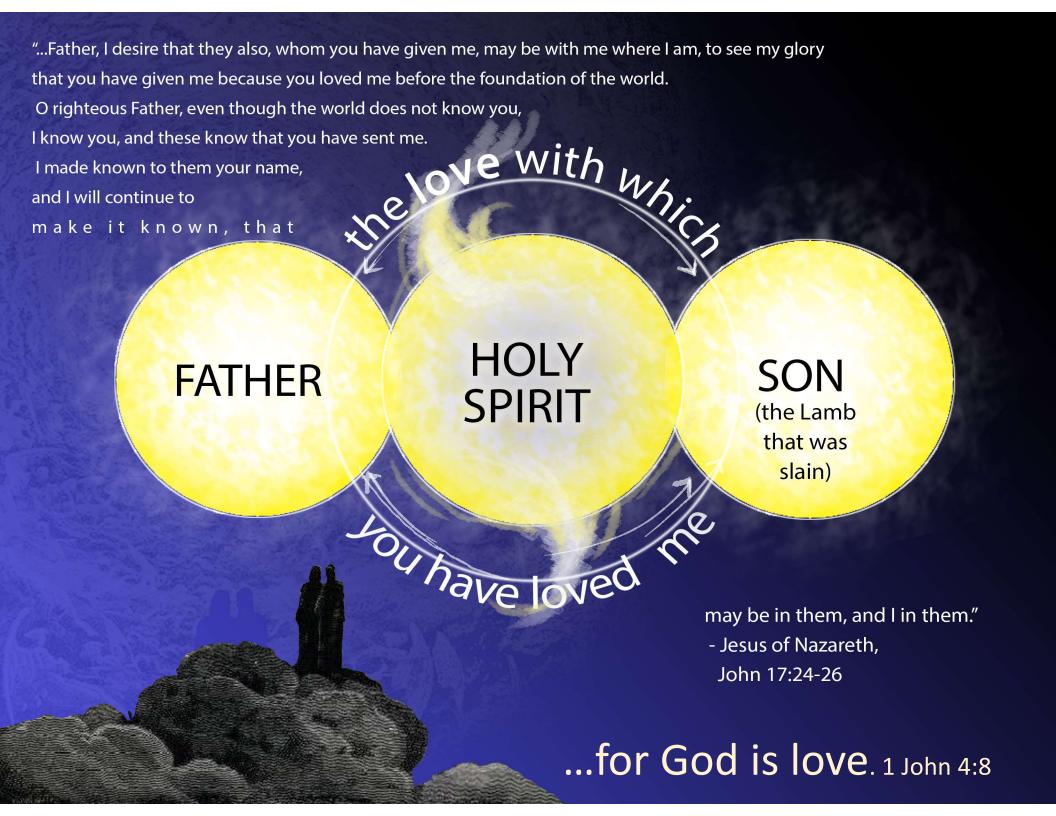
3-week Sermon series Looking at the connections, relationships, networks, communion involved in who God is and how we relate to him and each other.

- 1. "Behold your God" <u>Theology:</u> IntraTrinitarian Love
- 2. "Abide in me" Christology: Union with Christ
- 3. "Love one another". Ecclesiology: the Love of God in the Body of Christ



Did the plan of Jesus materialize, and this request of Jesus get answered by His Father?

Yes!

- On the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out
- At the coming of the Spirit into our hearts:

 "...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of
 God has been poured out within our hearts through
 the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5
- (Included in this love of God which was poured out:)
 - God's love to us
 - Our love of God
 - God's love in us to others

"Abide in me" Christology: Union with Christ

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me

- Are you troubled? There are Rooms within his Father's house John 14:1-4;23
- Are you needing purpose? A branch in a Vine, cared for (cleaned, lifted, pruned) to bear maximum, lasting fruit (John 15:1-16)
- Are you weary and burdened? Come unto Me and rest....yoked to the Strongest Burdenbearer (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Are you dying? He has Flesh and Blood to eat and drink (John 6:48-68)
- Are you thirsty? Here is water of life to drink, which then becomes an artesian well. (John 4:14, 7:37)

- You need a place to belong? Members of his body, of his flesh, of his bone.
- Are you vulnerable to temptation?
 Remember that now where you go, he goes.
 You are Joined to the Lord and you're one spirit with him (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)
- Are you weak, tempted, assaulted, or persecuted? He feels all that. (Hebrews 2:14-18) (Hebrews 4:13)
- Are you lonely within yourself? He stands at the door and knocks, would like to eat with you. (The Revelation 3:20)
- What's your long-term future looking like? (Colossians 3)