



# AGAPE

THE LOVE WHICH GOD DEFINES



# Defining Love



Eros – sensual or physical love



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Storge – natural affection of  
parents for children

Romans 1:31

undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving,  
unforgiving, unmerciful;



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2 Timothy 3:3

unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without  
self-control, brutal, despisers of good



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Phileo – affection for friends

Romans 12:10

Be kindly affectionate to one another  
with brotherly love, in honor giving  
preference to one another



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## Agape

a choice of individual will to act in the best interests of another, even when another is not fully deserving and even when personal sacrifice is necessary in the action of this affection.





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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



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## Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



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1 Peter 1:22

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart



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- Not simply an emotion
- A choice of individual will
- Active even toward those who have not earned it
- Willing to sacrifice for the best interests of its' object





# How Is It Obtained & Maintained?



## 1 Thessalonians 4:9

But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.



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## 1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.



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Matthew 5:45

that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



# The Benefits Of Agape Love



## 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.



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Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.



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1 John 3:14; 4:20-21, 7-8, 12



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## Colossians 3:18-21

<sup>18</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. <sup>20</sup>Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.



Do You  
Truly  
Agape?