



# LOVE

THE FRUIT OF  
*the Spirit*

Part one



# THREE TYPES OF LOVE IN THE BIBLE



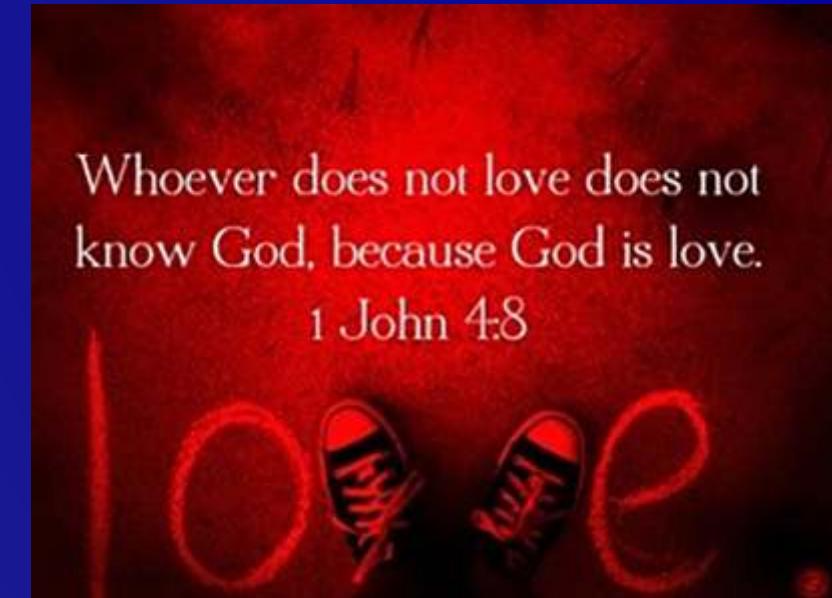
## TWO OF WHICH ARE:

### **Eros Love: Named after the Greek God of Love**

Also referred to as erotic love, this is a selfish kind of love as it is associated with sexual love. Eros love is based on the strong feeling we have against one another and it usually develops during the 1st stage of a romantic relationship.

### **Philos Love**

This is a unique kind of love like the one you have for a companion or pal. It refers to loving one another just like your brother or sister. This love is for a pal who is really close and dear to us and it is characterized by various different shared experiences between two people. In fact this is the kind of love that many Christians tend to practice towards one another. And although philos love is really wonderful, it is not that much reliable, since it can end up souring at times as we have all experienced at some point in our lives.

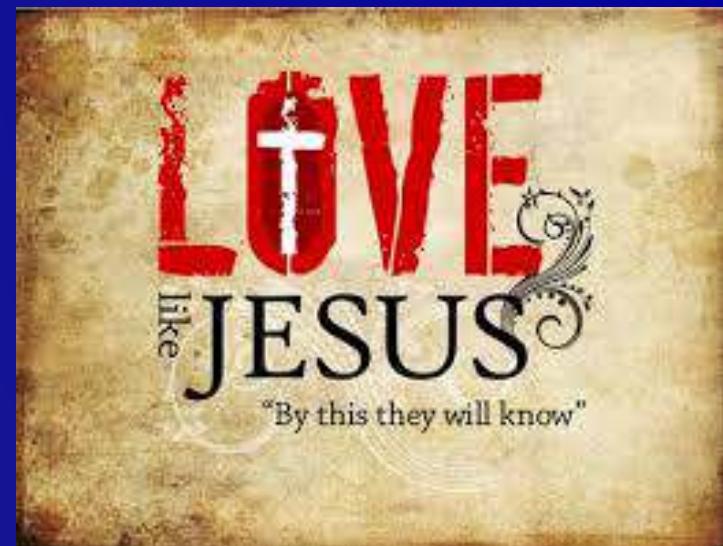




## The Third kind: AGAPE LOVE- DIVINE LOVE

### Agape:

**This is a special term which represents the divine-love of the Lord towards his Son Jesus Christ, the human beings and all believers. This is the best of the three types of love in the bible, in fact Jesus himself showed this type of divine love to his Dad in heaven and humanity. Agape love is the love that God commanded all believers to have for everyone whether he/she is a believer or not. Agape love should never be determined by our feelings; it is more of a set of behaviors or actions. With agape, you do not have to actually feel it for you to give it, which means that you can be able to show love without feeling anything at all. At times feelings can follow after showing this kind of love.**





# The New Commandment - Love one another.

**JOHN 13 verse 34:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

**35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**JOHN 14 verse 23:** Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

**Philippians 2:3**

**3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

**Allow the Holy Spirit to smooth you as living stones, living water polishing you into HIS NATURE.**





# BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST- WALK IN LOVE

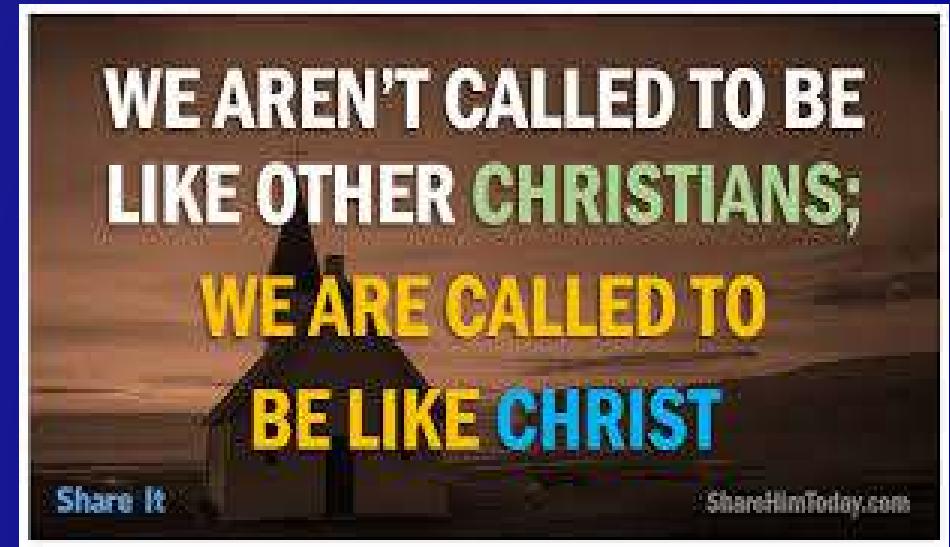
## Ephesians 5

**1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.  
**2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

## 1 Corinthians 13

**4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;  
**5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;  
**6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;  
**7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
**8** Love never fails.

**Matthew 18 v.21-35** It is God who has opened our eyes to see!!! What kind of a Stewart are you?





# ARE WE MANIFESTING THE FRUIT OF LOVE?

**ROMANS 5 V:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**1Thessalonians v: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;

The Goats and the Sheep will be separated!!!

**Matthew 25 verse 31 - 46**

**37** Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

**38** When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

**39** Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

**40** And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'





# Do we have the Armour of Love?

**Romans 13 v:9** For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.... And this is Christ, the LIGHT!!! Perfect Love made Manifested in us. In whom we are Free !!!**

**12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ( This Gods LOVE )**

**13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.**

**14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**





# Whoever hates his brother is a murderer!

**1 John 3v:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.**

**15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.**

**16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

**17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?**

**18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.**

**19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.**

**20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.**

**21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.**

**22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.**

**23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.**

**24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**



Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unloved and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.



# HOW DO WE GET THIS LOVE?

**1 JOHN 4 V:7-8** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**9** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

**10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**12** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

**13** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

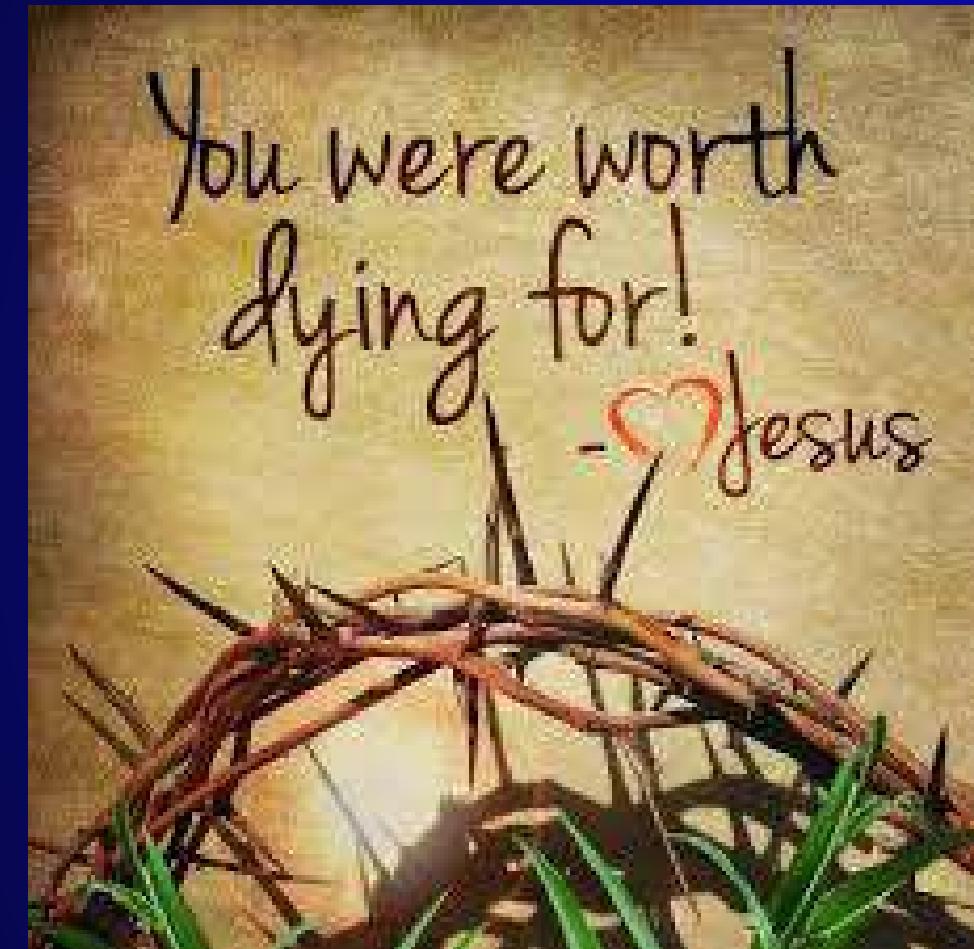




## AGAPE AND AGAPAO LOVE

"Agape and agapao are used in the NT

- (a) to describe the attitude of God toward His Son, [John 17:26](#); the human race, generally, [John 3:16](#); [Romans 5:8](#); and to such as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, particularly, [John 14:21](#);
- (b) to convey His will to His children concerning their attitude one toward another, [John 13:34](#), and toward all men, [1 Thessalonians 3:12](#); [1 Corinthians 16:14](#); [2 Peter 1:7](#);
- (c) to express the essential nature of God, [1 John 4:8](#).





# GOD HUMBLES US AND TESTS US

**DEUT. 8 V. 1** "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.

**2** And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

**3** So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

**4** Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

**5** You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

**6** Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

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