

Go Deeper Into The Love Of God

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. **Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.** Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Eph 3:14-20 NLT)

Four Types Of Love

- Eros - sensual or romantic love
- Philia - brotherly love or friendship
- Storge - the love between family members
- Agape - highest most pure form of love that embodies selflessness by choice. *Agape* requires faithfulness, commitment, and sacrifice without expecting anything in return.

The Agape Chapter - The Description of the Love Of God

Love is patient, love is kind [and] is not jealous; love does not brag [and] is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong [suffered,] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails(1Co 13:4-8a NASB95)

- "Sociologists have a theory of the ***looking-glass self***: You become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?" ~ Philip Yancey

Agape Love Gives Us Confidence Before God

All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters. (1Jo 4:15-21 NLT)

Agape Love Gives Us The Power To Understand God's Love

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow--not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below--indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39 NLT)

- "God's unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the Scriptures. It is true whether we believe it or not. Our doubts do not destroy God's love, nor does our faith create it. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with His beloved Son." ~ Jerry Bridges

Agape Love Makes Us Complete With The Fullness Of Life & Power That Comes From God

- The reason Jesus came was to give us ZOE life (John 10:10)

- "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have [it] abundantly. (Jhn 10:10 NASB95)
- "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life,[G2222] and there are few who find it. (Mat 7:14 NASB95)
- He who has the Son has the life;[G2222] he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.[G2222] (1Jo 5:12 NASB95)