

# Agape: The Foundation of Every Good and Perfect Gift!

*KJV 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

John says believers who don't show benevolence, kindness, goodwill and seek the highest good for others don't know God.

It's the Greek verb *ag-a-pah-o!* It's the act of sacrificial loving!

Then John says because "God is love" or "God is *agape* or *sacrificial love itself!*"

Of the all the Greek words for love **Agape** was exclusively Christian!

- *Eros* is sexual love.
- *Philia or Philadelphia* is friendship and brotherly love.
- *Storge* is natural affection or love for family.
- *Agape* is the supernatural love of God! From God and all that God loves.

As I said word *agape* was almost exclusively a Christian word because of its rare usage and practice.

**Sacrificial unselfish love that seeks the highest good for others was not known until Christ came and revealed it!**

**Sadly it's rarely practiced today among believers!**

Too many people have "**Janet Jacksonism**" what have you done for me lately attitude when it comes to loving people.

As Bishop Darrell said "*people want the convenience of the gospel without the conviction of the gospel.*"

*"They want the rewards of the faith, without the responsibilities of the faith!"*

**Gal 5:6...faith worketh by love!**

Faith gets its power from **agape!** Our motivation to believe God for salvation, healing, deliverance, breakthrough and blessings are based on God's love.

The only reason I'm saved is because God loves me!

The only reason we're not still bound in sin is because He made us free!

The only reason we have been able to get past tragedies is His love.

The simple truth is—if we have God, we have **agape**!

We have the supernatural ability to love beyond our emotions, feelings and circumstances.

**Agape** love is the foundation for all that God does and will do!

**Agape** love is the foundation of grace, mercy, truth, salvation, healing, deliverance, blessing, hope, prosperity, favor and our future with God in eternity!

**Agape** is why God created the world...*for God so loved the world...!*

*Isaiah 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:*

*2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*

*3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck...!*

**People controlled by the love of God have a special love for ALL God's creation**—they're not nice to people and cruel to animals or loving to their pets and cruel to people!

*NIV 1 Corinthians 13:3-8 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

*7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.*

**Love never fails, it's never defeated, and it will never cease, go out of style or be ineffective when released!**

*KJV Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

*KJV John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments* or My Word!

God's Word is an extension of His Love, for God is Love and The Word is God!

*John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."*

Remember **agapao** is the verb that shows love in action, while **agape** is the noun that reveals the *name* what something is by nature.

**Jesus says whoever takes The Word of God and practices (agapao) it is entertaining Me, showing Me kindness and goodwill!**

When we love (agapao) show kindness, goodwill and entertain Jesus, The Father will love (agapao) entertain and show kindness and goodwill to us.

Lastly Jesus said He would **manifest** Himself to us—meaning He will cause us to see and experience His awesomeness.

We will receive and **exhibition, revealing of God, God will show us His wonders** all because of the love of God!

When God does **wonders** for His people, it means God causes wonderful things to happen that are a fulfillment of His will for us.

**God's love causes wonderful things to happen on earth!**