

Made for Love

Agape - Part 1

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You were made for love.

What is love?

Four Greek Terms for Love:

- Storge - Familial
- Phileo - Brotherly
- Eros - Sexual
- **Agapē** - Divine

Agapē is:

- love in its truest, purest, most noble, sacrificial, and unconditional form.
- a verb. It is a call to action. It is love in action.
- a choice, not an emotion. It is an act of the will, determined not by beauty or desirability but by the good intention of the one who agapes.

"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't agapē others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't agapē others, I would have gained nothing. ⁴Agapē is patient and kind. Agapē is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Agapē never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. ... ¹³Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and agapē—and the greatest of these is agapē." 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 (NLT)

"There is no greater agapē than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 (NLT)

"... Agapē fulfills the requirements of God's law." Romans 13:10 (NLT)

You were made for agapē!

You ARE loved.

When you realize and receive God's agapē love it will change everything!

"¹²In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. 'Lord,' he said, 'if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.' ¹³Jesus reached out and touched him. 'I am willing,' He said. 'Be healed!' And instantly the leprosy disappeared." Luke 5:12-13 (NLT)

What if this agape love that we need most, down to a soul level, God not only has but is?

Do you think it is a coincidence that the very thing you need the most (agapē love) is not only WHAT God has, but WHO God is?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13 (NLT)

Agapē is not just a concept.

Agapē is a person.

Agapē has a name.

Jesus.