

4 words for LOVE in the new testament



eros

- sexual love
- "erotic"
- Carnal
- (eros - to beg for or demand)
- Carnal love that seeks to feed its own desires
- self-seeking



stergo

- love btwn parents + children,
- family love
- "devotion"
- 2 Tim 3:3 states this form of family love will fall away in the last days.



phileo

- "affection"
- 2 or more compatible people
- attributed friendship
- mutual satisfaction



agape

- used to describe the love of God
- Gal 5:22 the fruit of the spirit
- High level love, perfect love
- John 3:16 for God so loved the world...
- * this love drove God to action
- self-sacrificial love w/ no boundaries self-less, no strings attached

DEVOTION

SCRIPTURE

JESUS PETER

(a dialogue in John 21)

v15 Simon, son of Jonas, agapao thou me more than these?

Yea Lord; thou knowest that I phileo thee.

Feed my lambs

v16 Simon, son of Jonas, agapo thou me?

Yea Lord, thou knowest that I phileo thee.

Feed my sheep

v17 Simon, son of Jonas, phileo thou me?

Peter was grieved because He asked him 3x

Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I phileo thee.

Feed my sheep.