



Joy in Loving the Brethren

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Life Change: We agape one another

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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We've been given superpowers

This is family business

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Love is Essential

1 Cor. 13:1-3

Tongues of men and angels

Knowledge and faith

Sacrifice

Love is Edifying

1 Cor. 13:4-7

- Agape is patient
- Agape is kind
- Agape is not jealous
- Agape is not boastful
- Agape is not proud
- Agape is not rude
- Agape is not selfish/self-seeking
- Agape is not easily angered
- Agape is not resentful
- Agape does not rejoice in unrighteousness
- Agape rejoices with the truth
- Agape bears all things
- Agape hopes all things
- Agape endures all things



Love Endures

1 Cor. 13:8-13

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**FINDING JOY
IN LOVING
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Flying



Flying



Teleportation



Flying

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Telekinesis



Flying

Teleportation

Talk to
animals

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Learn
anything
instantly

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Learn
anything
instantly

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Talk to
animals

Telekinesis

Heal the sick



Flying

Learn
anything
instantly

Teleportation

Talk to
animals

Telekinesis

Heal the sick

Swim like a
dolphin

Flying

Learn
anything
instantly

Teleportation

Fast
metabolism!

Heal the sick

Talk to
animals

Telekinesis

Swim like a
dolphin

Flying

Learn

Teleportation

Always know the right
thing to say (or not say)
to someone who is
hurting

Talk to
animals

Heal the sick

Swim like a
dolphin

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The New Testament uses a number of memorable images to teach us about the nature of the church: the body of Christ, a garden/temple, a royal priesthood, and others (Eph 4, 1 Cor 12, 1 Cor 3, 1 Peter 2). But the church is most often spoken of, and Christians are most often addressed, in familial language.


In [the 2004 film] *Garden State*, Largeman says that maybe family is a group of people who miss the same imaginary place. The church is a family in a similar way; but we long for home, and we don't miss a place we once knew. People who are single and married, from stable families and from broken homes, regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic status — all hear in the gospel an invitation to join the family in the home that still lies ahead.” - *Mother and Brothers*. Chris H. Smith Jr.



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“A manifestation of
the Spirit is given
to each person for
**the common
good:”**

1 Corinthians 12:7
(CSB)



Love is Essential

“I may speak in the
tongues of men, even
angels; but if I lack
love, I have become
merely blaring brass
or a cymbal clanging.”


1 Corinthians 13:1
(CJB)

“I may have the gift of prophecy, I may fathom all mysteries, know all things, have all faith—
enough to move mountains; but if I lack love, I am nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:2
(CJB)

“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Matthew 17:20 (CSB)



Faith
Prophecy
Knowledge

“I may give away
everything that I own, I
may even hand over my
body to be burned; but
if I lack love,
I gain nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:3
(CJB)

“Agapē, in the sense of Godlike love, is clearly distinguished from the rest. The first three are all-natural, even to fallen man, whereas Godlike agapē-love is not. All four are essentially God-given, but sin in fallen humanity has badly distorted the first three, and effectively banishes agapē until the grace of the Holy Spirit of Christ begins to recreate it in regeneration, and renews a person progressively in God’s image. (Erōs had become so badly debased into lust in the Graeco-Roman world that the NT avoids its use altogether.) Further, whereas philia can be used of sub-personal objects, agapē is used only of fully interpersonal relationships (human and/or divine) in Scripture.”



Love/Agape
is Edifying

“Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”
- 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (CSB)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)

Agape is not...

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
 - Refusal to retaliate

Agape is not...

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)
 - Considerate, gentle, compassionate

Agape is not...

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
 - Zealous, selfish envy

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
 - Bragging about oneself

“Let another praise
you, and not your
own mouth— a
stranger, and not
your own lips.”

Proverbs 27:2
(CSB)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
 - Puffed up, haughty

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
 - Unpresentable, resulting in disgrace

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéō heautou)

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- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéō heautou)
 - Self-centered

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
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Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
 - To be incensed, irritation

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)

Agape is...

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- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
 - To tally wrongs

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētéo heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)
 - Unrighteousness

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
 - Conforming to reality, dependable

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

“You will know the
truth, and the truth
will set you free.”

John 8:32
(CSB)

MAL

MATT

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROM

1 COR

2 COR

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)
 - Covers, ignore offenses

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)
- Hopes all Things (elpizō)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)
- Hopes all Things (elpizō)
 - Embrace expectation, trust, patient waiting

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)
- Hopes all Things (elpizō)
- Endures all Things (hypomenō)

Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

Agape is...

- Patient (makrothymia)
- Kind (chrēsteuomai)

Agape...

- Rejoices with the Truth (alētheia)
- Bears all Things (stegō)
- Hopes all Things (elpizō)
- Endures all Things (hypomenō)
 - Persevere


Agape is not...

- Jealous (zēloō)
- Boastful (perpereuomai)
- Proud (physioō)
- Rude (aschēmoneō)
- Self-Seeking (zētēō heautou)
- Easily Angered (paroxynō)
- Resentful (logizomai kakos)
- Rejoicing in Wrongdoing (adikia)

“Unlike Greek ethics, which regards the passive suffering of evil as shameful, Christians know that they are called to suffer (Acts 14:22), and they show their faith by persevering all the same.”

“By this everyone
will know that you
are my disciples, if
you love one
another.”

John 13:35
(CSB)



Love is Enduring

“Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known. Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.”



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