

**Agape Love**

J.I. Packer on “agape” love

**Philia** – deep friendship.

**Storge** – familial love.

**Mania** – obsessive love.

**Philautia** – love of the self.

**Pragma** – long standing love.

**Ludus** – playful love.

**Eros** – sexual passion.

**Agape** was new, because it was love for everyone.

**God’s Love to Provide for Us (verse 1)**

His detailed care for the vineyard

God’s Vineyard – Isaiah 5

His sustaining grace

Genesis 8:22 “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Matthew 5:45 “For [God] makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

**God’s Love to Send His Son for Us (verses 2-8)**

God’s love rejected

*Tenant farmer historical background*

*Rejection of servants*

*Sending of the son*

God’s love cannot be understood except against the background of our rebellion

**God’s Love to Bring Justice (verse 9)**

**God’s Love for the Gentiles (verse 10)**

**God’s Love for the Rejected (verses 11-12)**

The story of the stone

The stone as Israel

The stone as Christ

**Questions for Personal Study**

1. How have you experienced God’s love?
2. Why is God’s love clearer when understood against the background of human sin and unworthiness?
3. How is justice an act of love? How do you think Christians should be involved in justice?
4. Is it hard for you to believe that God’s love is given to you in an unconditional and permanent way? How can the cross help you believe?