

If I were to speak with eloquence in earth's many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. And if I were to have the gift of prophecy with a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 TPT

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34 NIV

3 Marks Of Agape Love

1. Agape Love originates with God.

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

John 5:19 NIV

Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life. Come every day to me and you will never be hungry. Believe in me and you will never be thirsty."

John 6:35 TPT

Holy Spirit, how much do you love me?

2. Agape Love cannot be earned.

The blind beggar shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity and show me mercy!" Those in the front of the crowd scolded him and warned him to be quiet, but the blind beggar screamed out even louder, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" Suddenly Jesus stopped and directed those nearby, "Bring the man over to me."

Luke 18:38-40a TPT

Holy Spirit, who are you calling me to make time for?

3. Agape Love costs me.

"For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give his life in exchange for the salvation of many."

Matthew 20:28 TPT

No one has greater love [nor stronger commitment] than to lay down his own life for his friends.

John 15:13 AMP

Holy Spirit, how are you calling me to lay down my life for others?

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV

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