



# Agape

1 John 4:7-13

# Different types of love



*eros* love –  
physical,  
romantic love  
(conditional)



*phileo* love –  
brotherly love or  
friendly love  
(conditional)



*agape* love – love  
without limits  
(unconditional)

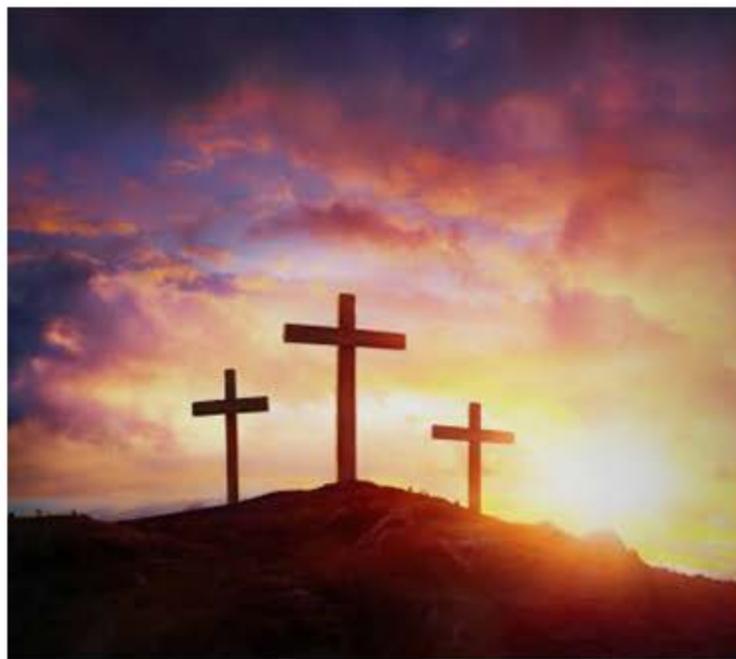
# 1<sup>st</sup> Sip of Milk: God Is Love

- Love is from God – it is not of this world.
- It is the evidence of a new birth
  - **Born** – *gennao* or *genos* – kindred or offspring
- Love is a choice. To choose to love is to “know” God.
- **Know** – *ginosko* – the process of gaining intimate knowledge



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sip of Milk: God Loves You

- “By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son...” – verse 9
- **The value of true love is revealed in sacrificial action.**
- God defines what true love is: ”In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (substitute) for our sins.” – verse 10



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sip of Milk: You Should Love

- **Question:** How can you have faith to love God (who you cannot see), but not have faith to love your neighbor (who you can see)?
- The ultimate usage of faith is in loving each other: “if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us.” – verse 12
- **Perfect** – *teleioo* – to be complete or accomplished



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sip of Milk: You Should Love

- To love like God, we would need the Holy Spirit:
- **John 14:26** – the Holy Spirit is the Helper who will teach us
- **John 16:13** – The Holy Spirit will guide us
- **Acts 1:8** – The Holy Spirit will empower us



# Love Your Neighbor...As Yourself

My journey in discovering how to love my neighbor begins with:

- Understanding God's unconditional love for me
- Learning how to unconditionally love myself...based on God's example of loving me
- Applying the discovered unconditional love of God for me towards others.

**Luke 6:31** – “Treat people the same way you want them to treat you.”

