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IN REAL LOVE

Greek words for love in New Testament Times:

- Eros:* Romantic Love
- Storge:* Family Love
- Philia:* Friendship Love

Agape:

We learn about Real Love (*agape*) by _____ not _____

1 JOHN 4:9-12

(NIV)

“ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

• | Real Love _____ .

“ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” ~ ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)

“ This is how God showed his love among us: HE SENT his one and only Son into the world” ~ 1 JOHN 4:9 (NIV)

“ The Incarnation was the act of the preexistent Son of God voluntarily assuming a human body and human nature. Without ceasing to be God, he became a human being, the man called Jesus. He did not give up his deity to become human, but, he set aside the right to his glory and power. In submission to His Father’s will, Christ limited his power and knowledge. Jesus of Nazareth was subject to place, time and many other human limitations”

- Life Application Bible

Incarnation: _____

• | Real Love _____ .

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“ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only son INTO THE WORLD” ~ 1 JOHN 4:9 (NIV)

Kenosis: Emptying

“ (Jesus), being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing (emptied himself) by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

~ PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7 (NIV)

• | Real Love _____ .

“ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” ~ 1 JOHN 4:10 (NIV)

• | Real Love Cares Enough _____ .

“ He sent his one and only Son into the world that **WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.**”

~ 1 JOHN 4:9 (NIV)

“ It's Ok to not be Ok... but it's not Ok to stay that way.”

– Pastor Steve Steele

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~ 1 JOHN 4:10 (NIV)

SO WHAT?

“ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

~ 1 JOHN 4:11-12 (NIV)

• Show others the _____ God shows you

• Let God's unconditional love lead you to _____

(Revelation 5)

DISCUSSION Questions:

- 1 - My favorite song about Love is?
- 2 - Do you agree or disagree with the premise that love is better demonstrated than defined? Why or why not? Who is someone that has demonstrated what real love is to you?
- 3 - Read 1 John 4:7-12. Talk over the first four points (Real love... takes the first step, pays the costly price, goes the greatest distance, demonstrates real grace). Which of these is most encouraging to you? Which of these is hardest for you to show to others?
- 4 - Pastor Glen talked about the idea that Real Love Makes Us Better as something controversial in today's culture that values tolerance above all. Why is this? Do you agree or disagree with the idea that real love challenges us to be better?
- 5 - This Christmas somewhere I can demonstrate real Christlike love to another is ...
- 6 - God's Unconditional Love should lead us to Worship and Wonder. Is there a favorite song or carol about Christ's love that leads you to worship?



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