

# 1 CORINTHIANS

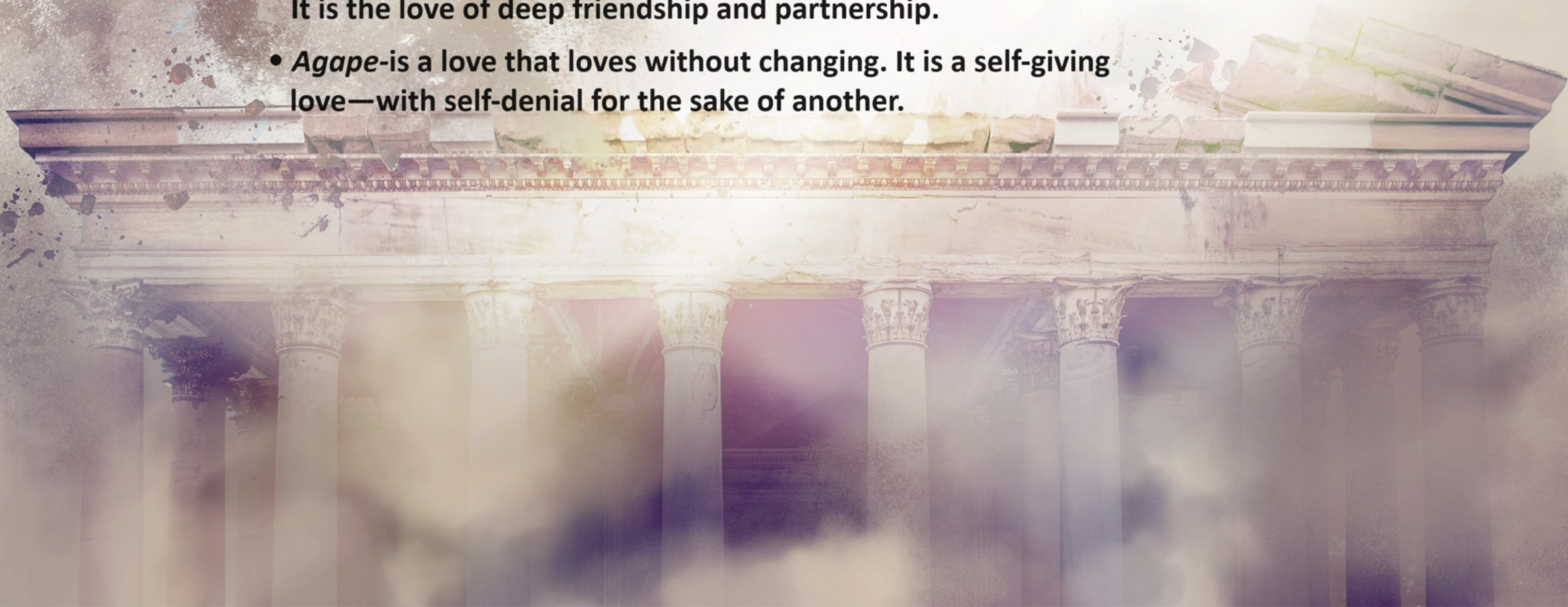
LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

**"What's Love Got to do with It"**

***1 Corinthians 13:1-3***

The ancient Greeks had 4 different words we translate as love.  
Why did Paul chose the word *agape* here.

- *Eros*-as we might guess from the word itself, *erotic* love. It refers to sexual love.
- *Storge*-refers to family love, the kind of love there is between a parent and child, or family members in general.
- *Phileo*-speaks of a brotherly friendship and affection. It is the love of deep friendship and partnership.
- *Agape*-is a love that loves without changing. It is a self-giving love—with self-denial for the sake of another.



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**“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8**

**“And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8**



**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35**



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**In the final analysis—without love  
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3. Love is the best measure of sacrifice: Without it your greatest acts of giving and sacrifice profit nothing.