

## LOVE IS: WEEK 1, LOVE DOES

**John 3:16** God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Agape** - unconditional love, love by choice, and by an act of the will. The word denotes unconquerable benevolence and undefeatable goodwill. It will never seek anything but the highest good for another person. It does not need a chemistry, an affinity, or a feeling. It is love that endures through any circumstance or difficulty. Agape is a love that exclusively belongs to God and God's people.

### 5 words for love in the Greek:

1. "Epithumia"
2. "Eros".
3. "Phileo"
4. "Storge"
5. "Agape"

**1 John 4:16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

**Galatians 5** The fruit of the spirit is love...

**Galatians 5:16-17** the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. If you're led by the spirit, you're not under the law. Now, the works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, rudeness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like.

## AGAPE

### A - Always gracious and faithful

**Luke 6:27-33** "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. 31 Treat others the same way you want them to treat you. 32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

### G - Generous and sacrificial

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**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her.

**A - About others first**

**P - Positive and faith-filled.**

**E - Expressed openly and often.**