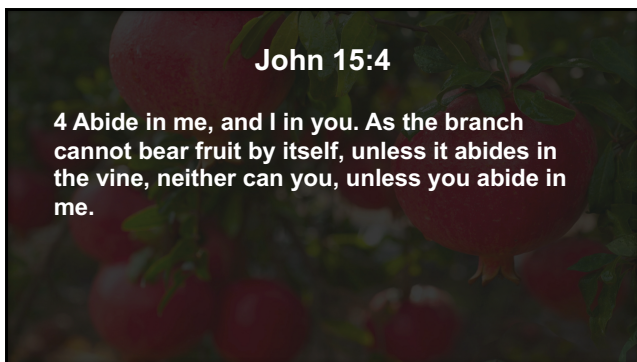
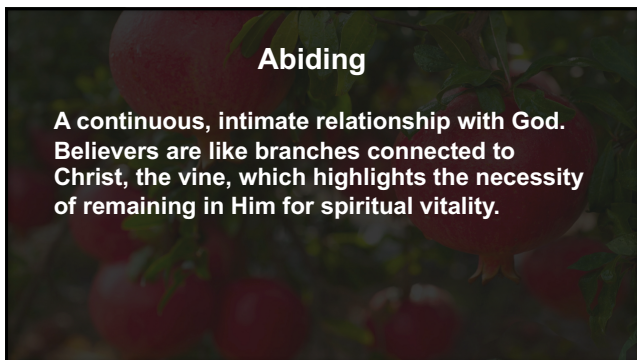




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Fruit of Spirit and Acts of The Flesh		
Acts of Flesh	Source	Fruit of Spirit
Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Orgies, Drunkenness	Body	Joy Self-Control
Idolatry, Witchcraft	Spirit	Faithfulness Goodness
Hatred, Fits of Rage	Soul	Love Gentleness
Selfish Ambition, Jealousy, Envy, Discord, Dissensions, Factions	Soul	Peace Patience Kindness

6

Faith, hope, and love intricately connected

Faith “pistis” is defined in Hebrews 11:1. “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Interestingly, hope is part of the definition of faith.

Hope “elpis” can be defined as “joyful and confident expectation of good.” Notice that the word “confidence” is part of both definitions.

Love “agape” is greater because it is defined as God’s life giving way of interacting with others. Love is other-oriented.

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Love is the Driving Force for the Christian

Love is patient, kind, and selfless, and it never fails. It is the driving force behind all Christian action and the evidence of genuine faith.

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Redefining Love

The western world's definition of love is based on warm emotions which inevitably leads to betrayal in relationships. God wants our definition of love to be founded on loyalty and self-sacrifice.

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Four Loves - C.S. Lewis

1. Storge (Affection)
2. Philia (Friendship)
3. Eros (Romantic)
4. Agape (Love of God)

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Storge (Affection)

Affection covers an array of loves. Like animals, the care of mother to babe is a picture of affection. It relies on the expected and the familiar "Affection almost slinks or seeps through our lives...It lives with humble, un-dress, private things; soft slippers, old clothes, old jokes, the thump of a sleepy dog's tail on the kitchen floor..." Affection can sit alongside other loves and often does

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Storge (Affection)

Affection for things: animals, objects, places, food , culture, music, town, city, landscape

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Storge (Affection)

1. Christian Musical Styles
2. Bible version
3. Idiosyncrasy of church, minister/ministry
4. American Culture
5. Home Town, Home State
6. US Form of Government or History

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Philia (Friendship)

1. Friends walk side by side
2. Friendship is freely given
3. Friendship is not jealous
4. Friendship is necessarily exclusive
5. Friendship is never enough

“Friendship, then, like the other natural loves, is unable to save himself . . . it must . . . invoke the divine protection if it hopes to remain sweet.”

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1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship [**Philia**] with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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John 15:19

19 If you were of the world, the world would love [Phileo] you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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God's love

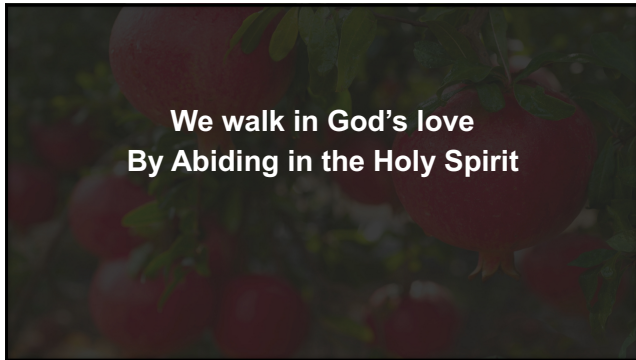
God's love is unconditional, eternal, and unchanging, while human love is often conditional, temporary, and can fluctuate based on circumstances. Additionally, God's love is sacrificial and seeks the best for others, whereas human love can be self-centered and limited

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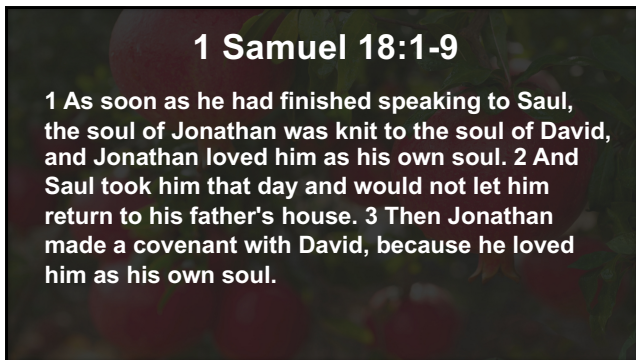
1 John 4:16

So we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

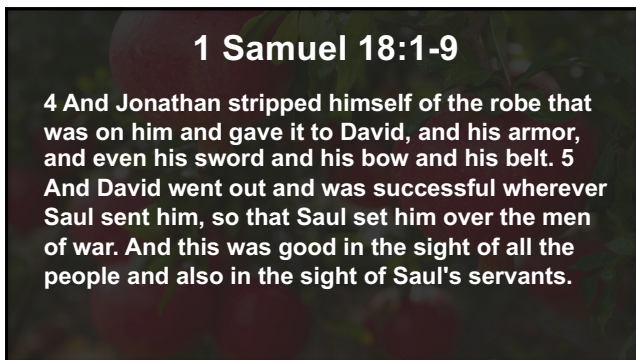
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Man with a heart like our own

“something inside us longs for someone to die with... someone to die beside...someone to lock step with. Another man with a heart like our own.”

- Stu Weber
Forging Bonds of Brotherhood

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1 Samuel 18:1-9

6 As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, “Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

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1 Samuel 18:1-9

8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” 9 And Saul [jealously] eyed David from that day on.

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1 Samuel 23:15-18

15 David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. 16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

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1 Samuel 23:15-18

18 And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

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Types of Surrender

Surrender to Christ

Jonathan is a picture of a NT believer who willingly enter a covenant to give up their throne for the true King Jesus, son of David.

Surrender to the Flesh

King Saul is a picture of flesh that wants to hold onto the kingdom at any cost

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Covenant is a Solemn Commitment

Covenant is a solemn commitment between two parties to give the very best of their title, talent and treasure.

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Cutting the Covenant

Cutting the covenant is the ceremony where the covenant commitments are given and a covenant exchange is memorialized.

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Steps of Cutting the Covenant

1. Exchange Robe
2. Exchange Belt
3. Cut
4. Raise right arm – mix blood
5. Exchange Names
6. Scar
7. Give covenant terms
8. Meal
9. Memorial

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Covenant Exchange

Item	Meaning
Robe	Authority: heir to the throne
Tunic	Identity: Armor, Rank, Medals
Belt	Wisdom: experience leads to success
Sword/Bow	Weapons: tools of the trade

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Fresh Experience of Goodness

“The believer is in spiritual danger if he allows himself to go for any length of time without tasting of the love of Christ... When Christ ceases to fill the heart with satisfaction, our souls will go in silent search of other lovers”
- John Piper

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1 John 4:16

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Romans 12:10

10 Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.

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John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in
the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in
me.

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