

Families Love One Another
1 Samuel 15:22-23, 1 Cor 13:1-7, John 13:34-35
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- Problems amongst God's people all stem from either pride or a lack of love.
- Pride in God's eyes is on the same level as Idolatry. Rebellion might as well be witchcraft.

"Agape (ἀγάπη) was not in common use prior to the New Testament... It is a love for the utterly unworthy, a love that proceeds from a God who is love. It is a love lavished on others without a thought whether they are worthy or not. It proceeds from the nature of the lover, not from any attractiveness in the beloved." Leon Morris

"Everything a Christian does should be done in love. Right theology is no substitute for love. Religious works are no substitute for love. Nothing substitutes for love. Christians have no excuse for not loving, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who is given to us. We do not have to manufacture love; we only have to share the love we have been given. We do not have to be humanly taught to love, because we ourselves are taught by God to love one another. We are therefore told (within the New Testament) to pursue love, to put on love, to increase and abound in love, to be sincere in love, to be unified in love, to be fervent in love, and to stimulate one another to love." John MacArthur

- Belonging to a family comes with the responsibility of radiating agape love.
- Love never covers up sin but is ever ready to cover the sinner. Agape love bears all things.
- Love never loses confidence but always gives the benefit of every doubt.
- Love never gives up but always hopes for restoration.
- Love never ceases, no matter what is trying to advance on the territory it's claimed.
- A love that bears all things means the love for our fellow churchmates/family does not waver and should be greater for them than their foul attitudes, rude remarks, boneheaded decisions, failures, faults, sins, and anything else.