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The world often confuses love with desire. Unlike desire, THEOS’ love is directed outward, toward others, not inward, toward ourselves. It is a selfless love that often contradicts our natural inclinations. This love is impossible unless THEOS helps us to put aside our own natural desires so that we can love without expecting anything in return. Therefore, the more we become like CHRISTOS, the more love we will show to others.

He who is saying, “I have known Him,” and is not keeping His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; and whoever may keep His word, truly *the love of THEOS* has been perfected in him; in this we know that we are in Him. He who is saying he remains in Him, himself ought to also walk according as He walked. Beloved, I do not write a new command to you, but an *old command, that you had from the beginning* – the old command is the word that you heard from the beginning; again, a new command I write to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light now shines; he who is saying he is in the light, and is hating his brother, he is in the darkness until now; he who is *loving his brother*, he remains in the light, and there is not a stumbling-block in him ...

[1Joh 2:4-10](#)

We have come to know *love [agape]* by this: that He laid down His life on behalf of us, and we ought to lay down our lives *on behalf of the brothers*.

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Biblical Definition of Love	Agape – biblical love characterized by sacrifice in the pursuit of another person’s good = self-sacrificial, volitional.	<i>Love</i> [Strong’s G26, agape] is <i>patient</i> , love is <i>kind</i> . It does <b>not</b> <i>envy</i> , it does <b>not</b> <i>boast</i> , it is <b>not</b> <i>proud</i> . It does <b>not</b> <i>dishonor</i> others, it is <b>not</b> <i>self-seeking</i> , it is <b>not</b> <i>easily angered</i> , it keeps <b>no record of wrongs</b> . Love does not delight in evil but <i>rejoices with the truth</i> . It always <i>protects</i> , always <i>trusts</i> , always <i>hopes</i> , always <i>perseveres</i> . Love never fails.	<a href="#"><i>1Cor 13:4-8</i></a>
	ΑΓΑΠΑΩ, <i>agapao</i> , Strong’s G25: Perhaps from <i>ἀγαν</i> <i>agan</i> (much); to love (in a social or moral sense): – (be-) love (–ed).	... these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is <i>love</i> [agape].	<a href="#"><i>1Cor 13:13</i></a>
	Greek OT occurrences: 208x Greek NT occurrences: 143x	All your actions must be done in <i>love</i> [agape].	<a href="#"><i>1Cor 16:14</i></a>
		... I live by faith in the SON of THEOS, who <i>loved me</i> [agapao] and gave Himself for me.	<a href="#"><i>Gal 2:20</i></a>
		But the fruit of the SPIRIT is <i>love</i> [agape], joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness ...	<a href="#"><i>Gal 5:22</i></a>
	ΑΓΑΠΗ, <i>agape</i> , Strong’s G26: From G25; love, that is, affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast: – (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.	... continue to show deep love for each other, for <i>love</i> [agape] covers a multitude of sins.	<a href="#"><i>1Pet 4:8</i></a>
	OT occurrences: 15x NT occurrences: 116x	The one who does not love does not know THEOS, because THEOS is <i>love</i> [agape]. By this the love of THEOS is revealed in us: that THEOS sent His one and only SON into the world in order that we may live through Him. In this is love: not that we have loved THEOS, but that He <i>loved</i> [agapao] us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.	<a href="#"><i>1Joh 4:8-10</i></a>
	Philos – friendship love, brotherly love, affection, affinity.	And KYRIOS spoke to Moses face to face, as if one should speak to his <i>friend</i> [philos] ...	<a href="#"><i>Exo 33:11</i></a>
	ΦΙΛΟΣ, <i>philos</i> , Strong’s G5384: Properly dear, that is, a friend; actively fond, that is, friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.): – friend.	Achitophel was the king's counsellor: and Chusi the <i>first friend</i> [protos philos] of the king.	<a href="#"><i>1Chr 27:33</i></a>
	OT occurrences: 66x NT occurrences: 29x	Even because you attack the fatherless, and insult your <i>friend</i> [philos].	<a href="#"><i>Job 6:27</i></a>
	ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΙΑ, <i>philadelphia</i> , Strong’s G5360: Brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.	Thou hast put far from me every <i>friend</i> [philos], and mine acquaintances [gnostos] because of my wretchedness.	<a href="#"><i>Psa 88:19</i></a>
	OT occurrences: 0x NT occurrences: 6x	The love unhypocritical: abhorring the evil; cleaving to the good; in the <i>love of brothers</i> [philadelphia], to one another <i>kindly affectioned</i> [philastorgos]: in the honor going before one another; in the diligence not slothful; in the spirit fervent; serving KYRIOS ...	<a href="#"><i>Rom 12:10</i></a>
	ΦΙΛΟΚΤΟΡΓΟΣ, <i>philostorgos</i> , Strong’s 5387, From G5384 and <i>στοργή</i> <i>storgē</i> (cherishing one’s kindred, especially parents or children); fond of natural relatives, that is, ... towards fellow Christians: – kindly affectioned.	And concerning the <i>brotherly love</i> [philadelphia], you have no need of [my] writing to you, for you yourselves are taught by THEOS to love one another ...	<a href="#"><i>1The 4:9</i></a>
	OT occurrences: 0x NT occurrences: 1x	... supply with your faith excellence of character ... knowledge ... self-control ... patient endurance ... <i>brotherly love</i> [philadelphia], and with brotherly love, love.	<a href="#"><i>2Pet 1:5-7</i></a>
		Use of 'Agape' / 'Agapao' to describe the same concept of friendship love.	
		... the soul of Jonathan became attached to the soul of David, and Jonathan <i>loved</i> [agapao] him as his own soul.	<a href="#"><i>1Sam 18:1</i></a>
		... all of Israel and Judah were <i>loving</i> [agapao] David, for he was ... marching ahead of them.	<a href="#"><i>1Sam 18:16</i></a>
Divine Love	Philia – friendship, fondness, erotic love, sometimes abnormal love denoting an undue tendency.	I am distressed over you, my brother Jonathan. you were very dear to me; your <i>love</i> [agape] was more wonderful to me than the <i>love</i> [agape] of women.	<a href="#"><i>2Sam 1:26</i></a>
	ΦΙΛΙΑ, <i>philia</i> , Strong’s G5373, From G5384; fondness: – friendship. [Insufficient entry in Strong’s]	No one has greater <i>love</i> [agape] than this: that someone <i>lay down his life for his friends</i> .	<a href="#"><i>Joh 15:13</i></a>
	OT occurrences: 9x NT occurrences: 1x	Come, and let us enjoy <i>love</i> [philia] until the morning; come, and let us embrace in love.	<a href="#"><i>Pro 7:18</i></a>
		He that conceals injuries seeks <i>love</i> [philia]; but he that hates to hide them separates friends and kindred.	<a href="#"><i>Pro 17:9</i></a>
		Open reproofs are better than secret <i>love</i> [philia].	<a href="#"><i>Pro 27:5</i></a>
		You adulterous people! Do you not know that <i>friendship</i> [philia] with the world is enmity with THEOS? Therefore whoever wishes to be a <i>friend</i> [philos] of the world makes himself an enemy of THEOS.	<a href="#"><i>Jam 4:4</i></a>
	This study included previously the words 'eros' (romantic love) and 'storge' (natural, familial affection and instinctual love), which are often taught as two separate categories. Both words are not found in the Bible, and we should abstain from adapting words from pagan culture.		
	The love of THEOS.	... showing <i>loyal love</i> to thousands of those who love me and of those who keep my commandments.	<a href="#"><i>Deu 5:10</i></a>
		Has His <i>loyal love</i> ceased forever? Is His promise ended throughout generations?	<a href="#"><i>Psa 77:8</i></a>
		<i>Loyal love</i> and <i>faithfulness</i> will meet one another; <i>righteousness</i> and <i>peace</i> will kiss.	<a href="#"><i>Psa 85:10</i></a>
		KYRIOS is compassionate and gracious, <i>slow to anger</i> and abundant in <i>loyal love</i> .	<a href="#"><i>Psa 103:8</i></a>
		... His <i>loyal love prevails</i> over those who fear Him.	<a href="#"><i>Psa 103:11</i></a>
		For in this way <i>THEOS loved the world</i> , so that He gave His one and only SON, in order that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life.	<a href="#"><i>Joh 3:16</i></a>
		For <i>the FATHER Himself loves you</i> , because you have <i>loved</i> me and have believed ...	<a href="#"><i>Joh 16:27</i></a>
		For KYRIOS disciplines the one whom <i>He loves</i> ...	<a href="#"><i>Heb 12:6</i></a>
		See what sort of <i>love</i> the FATHER has given to us: that we should be <i>called children of THEOS</i> , and we are!	<a href="#"><i>1Joh 3:1</i></a>
	The love of the FATHER to the Son.	<i>The FATHER loves the SON</i> and has given all things into His hand.	<a href="#"><i>Joh 3:35</i></a>
		For <i>the FATHER loves the SON</i> and shows Him everything that He Himself is doing.	<a href="#"><i>Joh 5:20</i></a>
		... you <i>loved</i> me before the foundation of the world.	<a href="#"><i>Joh 17:24</i></a>
	The love of IESOUS.	And IESOUS, looking at him, <i>loved him</i> , and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell all that you have, and give the proceeds to the poor ... and come, follow me.”	<a href="#"><i>Mar 10:21</i></a>
		So the sisters sent word to him, saying, “KYRIOS, behold, the one whom <i>you love</i> is sick.”	<a href="#"><i>Joh 11:3</i></a>
		(Now IESOUS <i>loved</i> Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)	<a href="#"><i>Joh 11:5</i></a>
		He had <i>loved His disciples</i> during His ministry on earth, and now <i>He loved them to the very end</i> .	<a href="#"><i>Joh 13:1</i></a>
		... and <i>live in love</i> , just as also <i>CHRISTOS loved us</i> ...	<a href="#"><i>Eph 5:2</i></a>



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Love Toward THEOS	Love THEOS!	And you shall <b>love KYRIOS your THEOS</b> with <i>all of your heart</i> and <i>with all of your soul</i> and <i>with all of your might</i> .	<a href="#">Deu 6:5</a>
		... by <b>loving KYRIOS your THEOS</b> by walking in all His ways and by holding fast to Him ...	<a href="#">Deu 11:22</a>
		... by <b>loving KYRIOS your THEOS</b> by listening to His voice and by clinging to Him ...	<a href="#">Deu 30:20</a>
		Take utmost care for the sake of your life to <b>love KYRIOS your THEOS</b> ...	<a href="#">Jos 23:11</a>
		You who <b>love KYRIOS</b> , hate evil. He protects the lives of His faithful ...	<a href="#">Psa 97:10</a>
		The one <b>loving father or mother more than me</b> , is not worthy of me. And the one <b>loving son or daughter more than me</b> , is not worthy of me.	<a href="#">Mat 10:37</a>
		And to <b>love Him</b> from <i>your whole heart</i> and <i>from your whole understanding</i> and <i>from your whole strength</i> , and to <b>love your neighbor as yourself</b> , is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”	<a href="#">Mar 12:33</a>
		... all things work together for good for those who <b>love THEOS</b> ...	<a href="#">Rom 8:28</a>
		We <b>love</b> , because <i>He first loved us</i> .	<a href="#">1Joh 4:19</a>
	Love IESOUS!	IESOUS said to them, “If THEOS were your FATHER, you would <b>love me</b> ...	<a href="#">Joh 8:42</a>
		And the one who <b>loves me</b> will be <b>loved by my FATHER</b> , and <b>I will love him</b> and will reveal myself to him.”	<a href="#">Joh 14:21</a>
		“Just as the FATHER has <b>loved me</b> , I also have <b>loved</b> you. <b>Remain in my love</b> .	<a href="#">Joh 15:9</a>
		... “Simon son of John, do you <b>love [agape; self-sacrificial]</b> me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, KYRIOS, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “ <b>Feed [evangelize] my lambs [young sheep; new believers]!</b> ”	<a href="#">Joh 21:15-17</a>
		He said to him again a second time, “Simon son of John, do you <b>love [agape; self-sacrificial]</b> me?” He said to him, “Yes, KYRIOS, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “ <b>Shepherd [advanced, stricter care] my sheep [mature believers]!</b> ”	
		He said to him a third time, “... do you <b>love [phileo; brotherly love]</b> me?” Peter ... said to Him, “KYRIOS, you know everything! You know that I love you!” IESOUS said to him, “ <b>Feed [encourage, love as brothers] my sheep [mature believers]!</b> ”	
Love Your Neighbor	Love your families!	Husbands, <b>love your wives</b> , just as <b>CHRISTOS also loved the church</b> ...	<a href="#">Eph 5:25</a>
		Husbands, <b>love your wives</b> and do not be embittered against them.	<a href="#">Col 3:19</a>
		Older women [...] encourage the young women to <b>love their husbands</b> and to <b>love their children</b> ...	<a href="#">Tit 2:3-4</a>
	Love one another!	Judge with trustworthy justice, and <b>show steadfast love</b> and compassion to one another.	<a href="#">Zec 7:9</a>
		“A new commandment I give to you: that you <b>love one another</b> – just as <b>I have loved you</b> , that you also <b>love one another</b> .	<a href="#">Joh 13:34-35</a>
		The love unfeigned: abhorring the evil; cleaving to the good; in the <b>love of brethren</b> , to one another kindly affectioned: in the honour going before one another.	<a href="#">Rom 12:9-10</a>
		If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do <b>not have love</b> , I have become a ringing brass gong or a clashing cymbal.	<a href="#">1Cor 13:1</a>
		And let us think about how to <b>stir one another up to love</b> and good works ...	<a href="#">Heb 10:24</a>
		... <b>sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently</b> from the heart ...	<a href="#">1Pet 1:22</a>
		But whoever has the world’s material possessions and observes his brother in need and shuts his heart against him, <b>how does the love of THEOS reside in him?</b>	<a href="#">1Joh 3:17</a>
		Little children, let us <b>not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth</b> .	<a href="#">1Joh 3:18</a>
		... the one who does not <b>love his brother whom he has seen</b> is not able to <b>love THEOS whom he has not seen</b> .	<a href="#">1Joh 4:20</a>
	Love your neighbor!	... you shall <b>love your neighbor like yourself</b> ; I am KYRIOS.	<a href="#">Lev 19:18</a>
		Do not devise evil in your hearts <b>against your neighbor</b> ...	<a href="#">Zec 8:17</a>
		Esteem father and mother! And you shall <b>love your neighbor as yourself!</b> ”	<a href="#">Mat 19:19</a>
		And a second is likened to it: ‘You shall <b>love your neighbor as yourself!</b>	<a href="#">Mat 22:39</a>
		<b>Love does not commit evil</b> against a neighbor ...	<a href="#">Rom 13:10</a>
	Love foreigners!	The alien who is dwelling with you shall be like a native among you, and <b>you shall love him</b> like yourself, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt ...	<a href="#">Lev 19:34</a>
		And He executes justice for the orphan and widow, and he is one who <b>loves</b> the alien, to give to them food and clothing.	<a href="#">Deu 10:18</a>
	Love your enemies!	So David came to Saul and entered his service. He <b>loved</b> him greatly and he became Saul’ s armor bearer.	<a href="#">1Sam 16:21</a>
		He who forgives an affront fosters <b>love</b> ...	<a href="#">Pro 17:9</a>
		You heard that it was declared: You shall <b>love your neighbor</b> and hate your enemy. But I say to you: <b>Love your enemies</b> and pray for the ones persecuting you, so that you should become sons of your Father, the One in the Heavens.	<a href="#">Mat 5:43-46</a>
		“And if you <b>love</b> those who <b>love</b> you, what kind of credit is that to you? For even sinners <b>love</b> those who <b>love</b> them!	<a href="#">Luk 6:32</a>
Love Correctly.	True love has no favorites.	And Isaac <b>loved</b> Esau because he could eat of his game, but Rebekah <b>loved</b> Jacob.	<a href="#">Gen 25:28</a>
		Now Israel <b>loved</b> Joseph more than all his sons, for he was a son of his old age.	<a href="#">Gen 37:3</a>
	Love implies discipline.	He who <b>loves</b> discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates rebuke is stupid.	<a href="#">Pro 12:1</a>
		He who withholds his rod hates his child, but <b>he who loves him gives him discipline</b> .	<a href="#">Pro 13:24</a>
	Love and hatred are connected.	Then Amnon <b>hated</b> her very deeply, for the <b>hatred</b> with which he <b>hated</b> her was greater than the <b>love</b> with which he had <b>loved</b> her. So Amnon said to her, “Get up and go.”	<a href="#">2Sam 13:15</a>
	Don’t love the wrong things.	You <b>love evil</b> more than good, a lie more than speaking what is right.	<a href="#">Psa 52:3</a>
		You <b>love</b> all <b>devouring words</b> , O deceitful tongue,	<a href="#">Psa 52:4</a>
		“How long, O simple ones, will you <b>love simplicity?</b> And how long will scoffers delight in their <b>scoffing</b> , and fools <b>hate knowledge?</b>	<a href="#">Pro 1:22</a>
		He who <b>loves transgression loves strife</b> ...	<a href="#">Pro 17:19</a>
		... and <b>people loved the darkness</b> rather than the light, because their deeds were evil.	<a href="#">Joh 3:19</a>
		The one who <b>loves</b> his life loses it ...	<a href="#">Joh 12:25</a>
	Don’t separate love from the Laws of CHRISTOS. A kind of Love which is disconnected from the law, leads to perversion (e.g. same-sex marriages involving ‘love’ but violating THEOS’s law).	For <b>they loved the praise of men</b> more than praise from THEOS.	<a href="#">Joh 12:43</a>
		“If you <b>love me</b> , you will <b>keep my commandments</b> .	<a href="#">Joh 14:15</a>
		By this we know that we love the children of THEOS: whenever we <b>love THEOS</b> and <b>keep His commandments</b> .	<a href="#">1Joh 5:2</a>
	Love should not manipulate.		
		And she [Samson’s wife] said to him, “How can you say, ‘ <b>I love you,</b> ’ when your heart is not with me? You ... have not told me how your strength is so great.”	<a href="#">Jdg 16:15</a>

