



## Introduction

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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 ...*

Joh  
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.*

Joh  
3:16

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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.

ΑΓΑΠΑΩ, *agapao*, Strong's G25: Perhaps from ἀγαπέ agan (much); to love (in a social or moral sense): – (be-) love (-ed).

Greek OT occurrences: 208x  
Greek NT occurrences: 143x

ΑΓΑΠΗ, *agape*, Strong's G26: From G25; love, that is, affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast: – (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

OT occurrences: 15x  
NT occurrences: 116x

Philos – friendship love, brotherly love, affection, affinity.

ΦΙΛΟC, *philos*, Strong's G5384: Properly dear, that is, a friend; actively fond, that is, friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.): – friend.

OT occurrences: 66x  
NT occurrences: 29x

ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΙΑ, *philadelphia*, Strong's G5360: Brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.

OT occurrences: 0x  
NT occurrences: 6x

ΦΙΛΟСΤΟΡΓΟC, *philostorgos*, Strong's G5387, From G5384 and στοργή storgē (cherishing one's kindred, especially parents or children); fond of natural relatives, that is, ... towards fellow Christians: – kindly affectionated.

OT occurrences: 0x  
NT occurrences: 1x

Philia – friendship, fondness, erotic love, sometimes abnormal love denoting an undue tendency.

ΦΙΛΙΑ, *philia*, Strong's G5373, From G5384; fondness: – friendship. [Insufficient entry in Strong's]

OT occurrences: 9x  
NT occurrences: 1x

*Love* [Strong's G26, *agape*] is *patient*, *love* is *kind*. It does *not envy*, it does *not boast*, it is *not proud*. It does *not dishonor* others, it is *not self-seeking*, it is *not easily angered*, it keeps *no record of wrongs*. *Love* does *not delight in evil* but *rejoices with the truth*. It *always protects*, always *trusts*, always *hopes*, always *perseveres*. *Love* never fails.

... these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is *love* [agape].

*All your actions must be done in love* [agape].

... *I live by faith in the SON of THEOS, who loved me* [agapao] *and gave Himself for me*.

*But the fruit of the SPIRIT is love* [agape], joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness ...

... *continue to show deep love for each other, for love* [agape] *covers a multitude of sins*.

*The one who does not love does not know THEOS, because THEOS is love* [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 loved* [agapao] *us and sent His Son to be the*

*propitiation for our sins.*

*And KYRIOS spoke to Moses face to face, as if one should speak to his friend* [philos] ...

*Achitophel was the king's counsellor: and Chusi the first friend* [protos philos] *of the king.*

*Even because you attack the fatherless, and insult your friend* [philos].

*Thou hast put far from me every friend* [philos], and mine acquaintances [gnostos] because of my wretchedness.

*The love unhypocritical: abhorring the evil; cleaving to the good; in the love of brothers* [philadelphia], to one another *kindly affectioned* [philostorgos]: in the honor going before one another; in the diligence not slothful; in the spirit fervent; serving KYRIOS ...

*And concerning the brotherly love* [philadelphia], *you have no need of [my] writing to you, for you yourselves are taught by THEOS to love one another ...*

... supply with your faith excellence of character ... knowledge ... self-control ... patient endurance ... *brotherly love* [philadelphia], and with brotherly love, love.

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 loved [agapao] him as his own soul.

... all of Israel and Judah were loving [agapao] David, for he was ... marching ahead of them.

I am distressed over you, my brother Jonathan. you were very dear to me; your love [agape] was more wonderful to me than the love [agape] of women.

No one has greater love [agape] than this: that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Come, and let us enjoy love [philia] until the morning; come, and let us embrace in love.

He that conceals injuries seeks love [philia]; but he that hates to hide them separates friends and kindred.

Open reproofs are better than secret love [philia].

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

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.

## Divine Love

The love of THEOS.

... showing *loyal love* to thousands of those who love me and of those who keep my commandments.

Has His *loyal love* ceased forever? Is His promise ended throughout generations?

*Loyal love and faithfulness* will meet one another; *righteousness and peace* will kiss.

KYRIOS is compassionate and gracious, *slow to anger* and abundant in *loyal love*.

... *His loyal love prevails over those who fear Him.*

For in this way THEOS loved the world, 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.

For the FATHER Himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed ...

For KYRIOS disciplines the one whom He loves ...

See what sort of love the FATHER has given to us: that we should be called children of THEOS, and we are!

The love of the FATHER to the Son.

*The FATHER loves the SON and has given all things into His hand.*

For the FATHER loves the SON and shows Him everything that He Himself is doing.

... you loved me before the foundation of the world.

The love of IESOUS.

And IESOUS, looking at him, loved him, 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."

So the sisters sent word to him, saying, "KYRIOS, behold, the one whom you love is sick."

(Now IESOUS loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end.

... and live in love, just as also CHRISTOS loved us ...

1Cor  
13:4-8

1Cor  
13:13

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16:14

Gal 2:20

Gal 5:22

1Pet 4:8

Joh  
4:8-10

Exo 33:11

1Chr  
27:33

Job 6:27

Psa  
88:19

Rom  
12:10

1The  
4:9

2Pet  
1:5-7

1Sam  
18:1

1Sam  
18:16

2Sam  
1:26

Joh 15:13

Pro 7:18

Pro  
17:9

Pro 27:5

Jam  
4:4

Deu  
5:10

Psa 77:8

Psa 85:10

Psa 103:8

Psa 103:11

Joh  
3:16

Joh 16:27

Heb 12:6

Joh  
3:1

Joh 5:20

Joh 17:24

Mar  
10:21

Joh 11:3

Joh 11:5

Joh  
13:1

Eph 5:2



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<b>Love</b> <b>Toward</b> <b>THEOS</b>	<p>Love THEOS!</p> <p><u>IESOUS forgives Peter his threefold denial and commissions him to encourage new believers, to take great care of mature believers and to love them as brothers.</u></p>	<p>And you shall <b>love KYRIOS</b> your <b>THEOS</b> with <b>all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might</b>.</p> <p>.. by <b>loving KYRIOS</b> your <b>THEOS</b> by walking in all His ways and by holding fast to Him ..</p> <p>.. by <b>loving KYRIOS</b> your <b>THEOS</b> by listening to His voice and by clinging to Him ...</p> <p>Take utmost care for the sake of your life to <b>love KYRIOS</b> your <b>THEOS</b> ...</p> <p>You who <b>love KYRIOS</b>, hate evil. He protects the lives of His faithful ...</p> <p>The one loving father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me.</p> <p>And the one loving son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me.</p> <p>And to <b>love Him from your whole heart and from your whole understanding and from your whole strength</b>, and to <b>love your neighbor as yourself</b>, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."</p> <p>... all things work together for good for those who <b>love THEOS</b> ...</p> <p>We <b>love</b>, because <b>He first loved us</b>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Deu 6:5</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deu 11:22</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deu 30:20</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jos 23:11</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psa 97:10</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mat 10:37</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mar 12:33</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rom 8:28</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Joh 4:19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 8:42</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 14:21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 15:9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 21:15-17</a></p>
<b>Love</b> <b>Your</b> <b>Neighbor</b>	<p>Love IESOUS!</p> <p><u>IESOUS forgives Peter his threefold denial and commissions him to encourage new believers, to take great care of mature believers and to love them as brothers.</u></p>	<p>IESOUS said to them, "If <b>THEOS</b> were your <b>FATHER</b>, you would <b>love me</b> ...</p> <p>And the one who <b>loves me</b> will be <b>loved by my FATHER</b>, and I will <b>love him</b> and will <b>reveal myself to him</b>."</p> <p>"Just as the <b>FATHER</b> has <b>loved me</b>, I also have <b>loved you</b>. <b>Remain in my love</b>.</p> <p>... "Simon son of John, do you <b>love</b> [agape; self-sacrificial] 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</b> [young sheep; new believers]!"</p> <p>He said to him again a second time, "Simon son of John, do you <b>love</b> [agape; self-sacrificial] me?" He said to him, "Yes, KYRIOS, you know that I love you." He said to him, "<b>Shepherd [advanced, stricter care] my sheep</b> [mature believers]!"</p> <p>He said to him a third time, "... do you <b>love</b> [phileo; brotherly love] 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</b> [mature believers]!"</p>	<p><a href="#">Joh 14:21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 15:9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 21:15-17</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rom 8:28</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Joh 4:19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 8:42</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 14:21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 15:9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 21:15-17</a></p>
<b>Love</b> <b>Correctly</b>	<p>Love your families!</p> <p>Love one another!</p> <p>Love your neighbor!</p> <p>Love foreigners!</p> <p>Love your enemies!</p> <p>True love has no favorites.</p> <p>Love implies discipline.</p> <p>Love and hatred are connected.</p> <p>Don't love the wrong things.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Love should not manipulate.</p>	<p>Husbands, <b>love your wives</b>, just as <b>CHRISTOS</b> also loved the church ...</p> <p>Husbands, <b>love your wives</b> and do not be embittered against them.</p> <p>Older women [...] encourage the young women to <b>love their husbands</b> and to <b>love their children</b> ...</p> <p>Judge with trustworthy justice, and <b>show steadfast love</b> and compassion to one another.</p> <p>"A new commandment I give to you: that you <b>love one another</b> – just as I have loved you, that you also <b>love one another</b>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>And let us think about how to <b>stir one another up to love</b> and good works ...</p> <p>... <b>sincere brotherly love</b>, <b>love one another fervently</b> from the heart ...</p> <p>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></p> <p>Little children, let us <b>not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth</b>.</p> <p>... 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>.</p> <p>... you shall <b>love your neighbor like yourself</b>; I am KYRIOS.</p> <p>Do not devise evil in your hearts <b>against your neighbor</b> ...</p> <p>Esteem father and mother! And you shall <b>love your neighbor as yourself</b>!"</p> <p>And a second is likened to it: 'You shall <b>love your neighbor as yourself</b>!'</p> <p><b>Love does not commit evil</b> against a neighbor ...</p> <p>The alien who is dwelling with you shall be like a native among you, and <b>you shall love him like yourself</b>, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt ...</p> <p>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.</p> <p>So David came to Saul and entered his service. He <b>loved</b> him greatly and he became Saul's armor bearer.</p> <p>He who <b>forgives an affront</b> fosters <b>love</b> ...</p> <p>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.</p> <p>"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!"</p> <p>And Isaac <b>loved</b> Esau because he could eat of his game, but Rebekah <b>loved</b> Jacob.</p> <p>Now Israel <b>loved</b> Joseph more than all his sons, for he was a son of his old age.</p> <p>He who <b>loves discipline</b> loves knowledge, but he who hates rebuke is stupid.</p> <p>He who <b>withholds his rod</b> hates his child, but he who <b>loves him</b> gives him discipline.</p> <p>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."</p> <p>You <b>love evil</b> more than good, a lie more than speaking what is right.</p> <p>You <b>love all devouring words</b>, O deceitful tongue,</p> <p>"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>?</p> <p>He who <b>loves transgression</b> loves strife ...</p> <p>... and <b>people loved the darkness</b> rather than the light, because their deeds were evil.</p> <p>The one who <b>loves his life</b> loses it ...</p> <p>For <b>they loved the praise of men</b> more than praise from THEOS.</p> <p>"If you <b>love me</b>, you will <b>keep my commandments</b>.</p> <p>By this we know that we <b>love the children of THEOS</b>: whenever we <b>love THEOS</b> and <b>keep His commandments</b>.</p> <p>And she [Samson's wife] said to him, "How can you say, 'I <b>love you</b>', when your heart is not with me? You ... have not told me how your strength is so great."</p>	<p><a href="#">Eph 5:25</a></p> <p><a href="#">Col 3:19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tit 2:3-4</a></p> <p><a href="#">Zec 7:9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 13:34-35</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rom 12:9-10</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Cor 13:1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Heb 10:24</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Pet 1:22</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 3:17</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Joh 4:20</a></p> <p><a href="#">Lev 19:18</a></p> <p><a href="#">Zec 8:17</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mat 19:19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mat 22:39</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rom 13:10</a></p> <p><a href="#">Lev 19:34</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deu 10:18</a></p> <p><a href="#">1Sam 16:21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pro 17:9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mat 5:43-46</a></p> <p><a href="#">Luk 6:32</a></p> <p><a href="#">Gen 25:28</a></p> <p><a href="#">Gen 37:3</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pro 12:1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pro 13:24</a></p> <p><a href="#">2Sam 13:15</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psa 52:3</a></p> <p><a href="#">Psa 52:4</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pro 1:22</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 3:19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 12:25</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 12:43</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 14:15</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joh 5:2</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jdg 16:15</a></p>

