

♥ *If Loving You Is Right I
Don't Want to Be Wrong* ♥

(John 13:34-35)

Love

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

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By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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I. The Calling to Agape Love (John 13:34-35)

Love

A. The word new in the text means a “fresh dimension”.

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B. The “fresh dimension” to the old command was that love is to be given in the sacrificial manner that Jesus gave to the believers.

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C. The selfless service and sacrifice of His life as a ransom for others was altogether new, and consequently

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C. was to be the model and standard for which their love for one another was to be measured.

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D. In essence, we are called by the power of God to seek the highest of good of others unconditionally, no strings attached.

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E. We are called to respond to the condition and need of others above the attractiveness and personal interest in others.

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F. We are called to have a genuine concern and benevolence towards others.

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II. The Considerations of Agape Love

Love

A. Agape Love is not something we have to work up to give it's something we work out through the power of the Holy Spirit within us. (Galatians 5:22-23)

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B. Agape Love is not a continuum that flows automatically through us; It is developed through practice or derailed through disobedience to God. (1 John 2:9-11)

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C. Agape Love is not given according to the character of the receiver but is given according to the character of the giver. (1 John 3:11-24)

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D. Agape Love is an unlimited resource from the Nature of God which we can draw from at any time;

Love

D. Therefore we have no excuse
not love others with agape
love. (1 John 4:7)

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E. It is hypocritical to expect agape love from others but not be willing to give agape love to others;

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E. We must be willing to give
what we ask for.

(Luke 6:27-36)

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F. The evidence of our Christianity is revealed by the agape love we demonstrate to others through the power of God. (1John 4:15-17)

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III. The Characteristics of Agape Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

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A. Agape Love is patient – does not react to pressure in anger, either inwardly or outwardly ;

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A. It is opposed to haste,
passionate expressions and
thoughts;

Love

A. It denotes a state of mind which can bear long when oppressed, provoked, and when one seeks to injure them

Love

B. Agape Love is kind – reaching out to minister good, doing beneficial things to and for others especially when they don't deserve it

Love

C. Agape Love is not jealous –
not envious of others;

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C. Agape Love is not jealous –
happy at the advancement
of others even when they
obtain what you treasure but
don't have

Love

D. Agape Love does not brag –
does not call attention to
himself through his words;

Love

D. does not talk big talk about
self; modest, careful in
speech

Love

E. Agape Love is not arrogant –
humble; lowly in mind,
genuine, submissive to God
and his will

Love

F. Agape Love does not act unbecomingly – polite, decent, sensitive to others; considerate,

Love

F. tactful, not impolite; not
indecent; not insensitive; not
thoughtless;

Love

G. Agape Love does not seek
it's own - submissive; self
sacrificing; not selfish; not
stubborn;

Love

G. thankful; accepting what God allows; does not demand its rights

Love

H. Agape Love is not provoked
– even tempered; calm in
disposition; not on edge,
not easily irritated by the
difficulties and misfortunes

Love

H. Agape Love is not provoked
– of life, not quick to retaliate
against others when sinned
against or offended by
them

Love

- I. Agape Love does not take into an account a wrong suffered - does not keep score; does not hold a grudge; not bitter;

Love

- I. not revengeful; forgiving
thankful to God even for pain
or loss

Love

J. Agape Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth - sorrowful about others' sin;

Love

J. happy at the repentance of others; does not talk about a person's sin behind their back.

Love

K. Agape Love bears all things
– endures under pressure;
doesn't give way to the
pressure put on them by
others;

Love

K. it blocks the entry of all sinful attitudes towards people who have caused pressure or distress; does not give in to the pressure to quit

Love

L. Agape Love believes all things - gives the benefit of the doubt; not cynical or suspicious;

Love

L. does not imagine something is wrong without proof; not distrusting

Love

M. Agape Love hopes all things
- optimistic; not negative or
pessimistic; not despairing;
seeing the bright side of
things

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N. Agape Love endures all things - does not give up; steadfast; having perseverance

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