

ABC BS Mod 23

Love

Overview: To become more Christ-like is to walk more and more in love, which is to do more and more that which Jesus would do.

A. Types of Love (John 21:15-17)

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| 1) Agape – Unconditional love, deep, of the heart. | Matt 6:24 |
| 2) Phileo – Fondness or affection, of the mind, loyalty to friends and family. | John 12:25 |
| 3) Eros – sensual or erotic love, of the body. | Not in NT |
| 4) Storge – familial love, of relationships. | Not in NT |

B. What is Agape Love?

- 1) Sacrificial love born of responsibility.
- 2) Based on a decision.
- 3) Generally meant with the expression, “I love you.”
- 4) A deeper sense of true love.
- 5) In the expression, God’s love is often used in a variation meaning a love feast.
- 6) Used in the Love Chapter, 1 Cor 13:4-8
- 7) Love is used 180 times in the NT, of which 142 times are agape.

C. Why is Love Important?

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| 1) God is love. | 1 John 4:8,16 |
| 2) For God so loved the world, He sent Jesus to die for us. | John 3:16 |
| 3) The law is fulfilled in love. You must love God and your neighbor as yourself. | Matt 22:37 |
| 4) Faith works by love. | Gal 5:6 |
| 5) Love covers a multitude of sins. | Pro 10:12 |
| 6) Love never fails (1 Cor 13:8). Perfect love casts out all fear. | 1 John 4:18 |

D. Living in Love

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| 1) Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. | 1 John 3:16-18 |
| 2) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? | 1 John 4:20 |
| 3) Esteem others greater than yourself. | Phil 2:3 |
| 4) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. | 1 John 2:15 |
| For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. | 1 John 2:16 |
| 5) 4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vain glorious, does not display itself haughtily. | 1 Cor 13:4 Amp |
| 5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God’s love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. | |
| 6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. | |
| 7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. | |
| 8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. | |

Recommendation: Memorize 1 Cor 13:4-8.

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