



## **Part 2: What Is Love?**

**Ephesians 5:25 NASB** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT (13)** Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Kinds of Love:

### ***Eros***

Desire, Longing & Passion  
Seen in Song of Solomon

**1 Corinthians 7:8-9 NASB (8)** But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I. **(9)** But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn *with passion*.

**Like feelings in our fingers, its neither good or bad until we try to "live" by them.**

**Romans 8:5-8 NASB** For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **(6)** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, **(7)** because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does

not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, (8) and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

### ***Phileo***

Brotherly love or fondness or emotion

**Romans 12:10 NASB** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;*

### ***Storge***

Storge is family love, the bond among mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers.

Seen in Noah's family, Abraham, Jacob, Mary & Martha for Lazarus

### ***Agape***

**John 15:12-14 NASB** "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. (13) "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (14) "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

Agape Love is a **choice & commitment to unconditional giving** at the **leading of God**.

**1 Peter 2:9 NASB** But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Ephesians 1:4 NASB** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

**Luke 22:42 NASB** saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

**Romans 5:6 NASB** For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

**Romans 5:8 NASB** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:10 NASB** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**John 3:16 NASB** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

**John 5:19 NASB** Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

**John 14:15 NASB** "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

**1 Corinthians 13:3 NASB (3)** And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

**John 21:15-17 NASB** So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus \*said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of John, do you love [agapao] Me more than these?**" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [phileo] You." He \*said to him, "**Tend My lambs.**" (16) He \*said to him again a second time, "**Simon, son of John, do you love [agapao] Me?**" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [phileo] You." He \*said to him, "**Shepherd My sheep.**" (17) He \*said to him the third time, "**Simon, son of John, do you love [phileo] Me?**" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "**Do you love [phileo] Me?**" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love [phileo] You." Jesus \*said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**

**Ephesians 5:1-2 NASB** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; (2) and walk in love [**agape**], just as Christ also loved [**agapao**] you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

**Sometimes these are better understood by how you receive them:**

Eros: We want to be desired

Phileo: We want to be a part of something

Storge: We want to be integral & needed

Agape: We want to be loved & given to no matter what

True love is giving more on principal than fondness, desire & emotion.

It's not that fondness, desire & emotion is bad, it's just that it is second-class.