

WHAT IS “AGAPE” LOVE?

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What is love?

- **The Greeks had four words for love**
 - Storge - means natural affection, like that felt by parents for children
 - Eros - sexual or romantic love (never used in the Bible)
 - Phileō - tender affection, brotherly love
 - Agape - which is the word here, the highest level of love. What does it mean?

Agape (love) is not

- Romantic or sexual love
- Emotional love
- Ecumenical Love
- More than Charity

What is Agape Love?

- Agape means “the ultimate act of self-sacrifice.”
 - “It is a word which refers to the ultimate act of sacrificing oneself for the good of someone else.”
 - Examples:
 - Matt. 5:44-45
 - Jno. 13:1
 - Jno. 3:16; Rom. 5:8
 - Phil. 2:3-4
- Love is seeking the highest good of others through self-sacrifice.