

THE WAY OF LOVE
Week 2: Love Is Self-Sacrificing
1 John 4:7-11

Three Different Greek Words That Are Often Translated as “LOVE”:

1. “EROS” is _____ Love

- This term is not used in the NT, but its meaning is referred to many times in both the Old and New Testaments.
- Eros love is a gift from God, but it has limitations.
- Eros love has its imperfections, because by nature it can be very selfish.
- Modern day eros love depends on feelings and emotions.
- Without agape love, eros love can be very dangerous.

2. “PHILEO” is _____ Love

- This is the the word from which we get the name Philadelphia.
- Phileo love includes the idea of “boy meets girl”
- Phileo love has its imperfections, because its a love that says “I will love you as long as you love me.”
- Without agape love, phileo love will not hold up to our failures.

3. “AGAPE” is _____ Love

- 1 John 4:8b, “...God is (agape) love.”
- Agape love is more concerned about making the object of love feel loved, than it is in making the lover feel loved.
- With agape love, the lover is willing to sacrifice greatly for the object of its love.
- If God only loved with eros or phileo, He would’ve packed His bags the first time He was rejected by man.
- Agape love must be an umbrella over eros and phileo love.
- 1 John 4:11, “Dear, friends, since Gold so (agape) loved us, we also ought to (agape) love one another.”

“(Agape) Love is patient, (agape) love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (Agape) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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