

# Love – Agape – Philos

- I. AGAPE – sacrificial, serving of others.
  - PHILOS – affectionate, rapport, constancy, veneration.
  - AGAPAO – suggests the love that values and esteems ([Revelation 12:11](#)), unselfish, ready to serve.
  - PHILEO – affection manifested ([John 21:15-17](#)), cherishing the object of love ([Romans 12:9, 10](#)).
  - AGAPE – deliberate, and without hypocrisy.
  - PHILOS – involves warmth & affection.
- II. AGAPE LOVE IS A SACRIFICIAL LOVE THAT IS COMMITTED TO SERVE OTHERS – I John 3:16 – *“This is how we know what love (AGAPE) is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.”*
- III. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE ATTITUDE OF GOD TOWARD HIS SON, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO PROVIDE IN MEN THIS SAME KIND OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN LOVE, AND SO THAT THE LORD HIMSELF MAY BE IN THEM ([John 17:25, 26](#)).
- IV. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE SELF-SACRIFICING ATTITUDE OF GOD TOWARD MANKIND, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE FOR EVERYONE ([John 3:16](#); [Romans 5:8](#)).
- V. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE *ATTITUDE* OF GOD TOWARD THOSE WHO BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO BLESS THEM WITH GOD’S AGAPE LOVE, AND RESULTS IN SHOWING HIMSELF TO THEM ([John 17:25, 26](#)).
- VI. ONE DEMONSTRATES AGAPE LOVE WHEN ONE OBEYS GOD ([I John 4:5, 21](#); [II John 6](#)).
- VII. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES AN ESSENCE AND ESSENTIAL NATURE OF GOD ([I John 4:8](#)).
- VIII. THE AGAPE LOVE OF THE WORLD IS MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE FROM THE AGAPE LOVE OF GOD ([I John 2:15-17](#); [John 5:41, 42](#)).
- IX. AGAPE LOVE IS EXPRESSED BY APPLYING PRINCIPLES FROM THE WORD OF GOD ([Philippians 1:9](#)).
- X. GOD REQUIRES THAT ONE *PHILEO* LOVE HIM FIRST AND FOREMOST, ABOVE ALL, TO BE WORTHY OF HIM; OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES ([Matthew 10:37](#); [I Corinthians 16:22](#); [Revelation 3:19](#)).

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PHILOS – φιλόσ

Matthew 10:37 “Anyone who loves (*philos*) his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves (*philos*) his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me”.

NOTICE – There is no command in the New Testament for the believer to (*phileo*) love God.

Nevertheless, “*anyone who (phileo) loves his father or mother more than Him is not worthy of God*”. Although *philos* is a voluntary response, it nevertheless is an essential one to have toward God, above *phileo* love for all others, in order to be worthy of God. I Corinthians 16:22 – “*If anyone does not love (philei) the Lord – a curse be on him. Come, O Lord!*”

GOD REBUKES AND DISCIPLINES THOSE HE PHILEO LOVES ([Revelation 3:19](#)).

*Phileo* means admiration, veneration, esteem, affection, and cherishing – all voluntary.