

Series: 1 Corinthians

“A Biblical Description of Agape Love”

(Sunday Morning July 19th, 2026)

Passage: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I had to choose one action word to describe the essence of Biblical love, the word I would choose is the word “s_____” because this is what is most associated with it.

John 3:16 "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 15:13 "(Jesus Said) Greater love has no one than this, THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE for his friends" (Emphasis Added)

Eph 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER" (Emphasis Added)

I. Agape Love Should be Our P_____

1) Love is Greater Than S_____

Prov 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue"

Eph 4:15 (Reference)

I believe we all would agree that people need to hear the truth; but if we communicate the truth in a harsh, cruel and insensitive way, our speech will not be w_____ r_____.

2) Love is Greater Than S_____

1 Cor 8:1 "... we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies."

Rev 2:4 "But I have this against you (The Ephesians), that you have left your first love." (Emphasis Added)

Rev 2:5 "Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; ..."

John 2:5 (Reference)

I think we have more than enough spiritual information in our day about how to have a successful marriage but not enough a_____ based on love.

3) Love is Greater Than S_____

Micah 6:7-8 "7 Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

God doesn't want meaningless sacrifices; the thing God wants most is for us to l_____ Him.

II. Agape Love Contains These P_____

1) What This Love I _____

2 Pet 3:9 "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance"

Rom 2:4 "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

God has sought to win us over, not by being cruel to us, but rather, by showering us with His k_____.

1 Pet 3:8-9 "8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead..."

2) What This Love is N_____

a. Love is Not J_____

James 3:16 "For where jealousy and selfish ambition exists, there is disorder and every evil thing"

b. Love is Not P_____

Prov 13:10 "(Solomon Said) By pride comes nothing but strife,..." (NKJV)

c. Love is Not R_____

Luke 7:44-46 (Reference)

d. Love is Not S_____

e. Love is Not I_____

f. Love is Not L_____

Matt 18:21-22 (Reference)

g. Love is Not I_____

Prov 24:17 "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles"

3) What This Love D_____

a. It C_____

1 Pet 4:8 "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."

b. It L_____

Rom 5:5 "...the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"