

Our Love

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"And one of the lawyers came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that **He (Jesus)** had answered them well, asked **Him**, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' And Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord;' and **you shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength**' ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#)); this is the first commandment. And the second like it, is this, '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**' ([Leviticus 19:18](#)). There is no other commandment greater than these." ([Mark 12:28-31](#))

"You have heard that it has been said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and **hate** your enemy.' But I say unto you, '**Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you, and persecute you;**' so that you may be the children **of your Father** who is in heaven; for **He** makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you (**only**) love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the publicans do the same? And if you salute your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the publicans do so? Therefore, be you perfect, even as your Father who is in Heaven is perfect." ([Matthew 5:43-48](#))

Jesus said , "**He who loves (phileo) father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves (phileo) son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.** And he who does not take-up his cross, and follow after Me, is not worthy of me." ([Matthew 10:37-38](#))

Love: from the Greek word **agapao** a verb which means: to love, in a proactive sense, and in a social or moral sense: in the sense of deliberate actions of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety, in doing well towards, or for someone; to regard the welfare of someone with tangible concerns and actions; to treat people with loving-kindness, mercy, forgiveness, charitable actions, etc. ...; to have a preference for someone, as in Loving God in obedience to His commandments; and Loving God first and foremost over other persons. By definition, this kind of love can never fail !

Love: from the Greek word **phileo** which means: to love, in the sense of having affection for someone or something; often as a matter of sentiment or feeling, and denoting personal attachment. To show warm affection in intimate friendship, characterized by tender, heartfelt consideration and kinship. This type of love can be both good or unworthy, as mentioned in Matthew 10:37-38 above; or evil as illustrated in these verses in a negative sense.

"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love (phileo) of money is the root of all evil;** which some stretching-out after, have been led astray from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." ([1 Timothy 6:9-10](#)) (Note: all phileo love words below, will be distinguished from agape Love words as follows: **Love (phileo).**)

Hate: from the Greek word **miseseis** which means: to hate; to detest, to abhor; in some comparative contexts: to love less; From **misos**: hatred. Like love, hate is proactive in various degrees, but always in sinful ways; often manifested as persecution; hate is also non-proactive as in lukewarm-hate: apathetic hate: not loving, not caring, ego-centric, uninvolved, turning the eye from all sorts of un-justices, wickedness, and sin.

Prophetically proclaimed:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and **you shall Love the LORD your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart; and you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up." ([Deuteronomy 6:4-7](#))

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you may surly rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but **you shall Love your neighbor as yourself.**" ([Leviticus 19:17-18](#))

Scriptures that define, and give additional meaning on how to truly live a loving life in Christ Jesus:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **and have not Love**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not Love, I am nothing**. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, **and have not Love, it profits me nothing**. **Love suffers long, and is kind; Love does not envy; Love does parade itself**, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth (Love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **Love never fails.** ... And now abides **Faith, Hope, Love**, these three; but **the greatest of these is Love.**" ([1 Corinthians 13:1-8, ... 13](#))

Jesus said, "**As the Father has Loved Me**, so have **I Loved you**; continue **you in My Love**. If you keep My commandments, you **shall abide in My Love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, **and abide in His Love**. These things have I spoken unto you, so that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment: that **you Love one another, as I have Loved you**. **Greater Love** has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **You are My friends**, if you do whatever I command you. Henceforth I do not call you servants; for the servant does not know not what his lord is doing; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard **from My Father** I have made known unto you. You have not chosen me, **but I have chosen you**, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. These things I command you, **that you Love one another**. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love (phileo) its own: but because you are not of the world, **but I have chosen you** out of the world, therefore **the world hates you.**" ([John 15:9-19](#))

"Owe no man any thing, **but to Love one another**: for **he who Loves another** has fulfilled the law. For this: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, '**You shall Love your neighbor as yourself.**' **Love works no harm** towards his neighbor; therefore **Love is the fulfilling** of the law.'" ([Romans 13:8-10](#))

"A new commandment I give unto you: that you Love one another; **as I have Loved you**, that you also Love one another. By this shall all men know that you are **My disciples**, if you have **Love among one another.**" ([John 13:34-35](#))

"If a man says '**I Love God**,' but hates his brother, **he is a liar**; for he who does not **Love his brother** whom he has seen, how can he **Love God** whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from **Him**: that he who **Loves God Loves his brother also**. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God**; and **everyone who Loves Him** (the Father) who begot, loves him (the person) also who is begotten of **Him**. By this we know that **we Love the children of God, when we Love God, and keep His commandments**. For this is the Love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, **even our faith.**" ([1 John 4:20-21, 5:1-4](#))

Please consider the following progression of attributes ending with affectionate (phileo) Love; and (Agape) Love, towards God and other people:

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add into your faith: virtue; and into virtue: knowledge; and into knowledge: self-control; and into self-control: perseverance; and into perseverance: godliness; and into godliness: **brotherly-Love (phila-delphia)**; and **into brotherly-Love: (agape) Love**. For these things being yours, and abounding, make you neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:5-8)

Jesus also said to His disciples, "For **the Father Himself Loves (phileo) you**, because **you have Loved (phileo) Me (Jesus)**, and have believed that I came forth from God." (John 16:27)

Thus We love because God First loved us! Please consider the following:

"Beloved, let us Love one another: for **Love is of God**; and **everyone who Loves** is born of God, and knows God. He who **does not Love** does not know God; for **God is Love**. In this was manifested the Love of God towards us: that God sent His only begotten Son (Jesus) into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but **that He Loved us**, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so Loved us, we ought also to Love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we Love one another, God dwells in us, and His Love is perfected in us. By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world**. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the Love that God has towards us. **God is love**; and he who dwells in Love dwells in God, and God in him; in this is our Love made perfect, so that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in Love; but perfect Love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in Love. **We Love Him, because He First Loved us.**" (1 John 4:7-19)

"Therefore, being Justified by faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works perseverance; and perseverance: proven-character; and proven-character: hope; and hope does not disappoint; because the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who is given to us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commends **His love towards us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us!**" (Romans 5:1-8)

Some results that happen due to the lack of Love (agape & phileo) towards God and people:

Jesus said, "And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and you shall be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because lawlessness shall abound, the Love of the many (i. e. most) **shall wax cold**. But he who shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 24:6-13)

"Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world. If any man Loves the world, the Love of the Father is not in him!" (1 John 2:15)

"If anyone does not Love (phileo) the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed." ([1 Corinthians 16:22](#))

"No servant can serve two masters; for he will either **hate the one, and love the other**; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." ([Luke 16:13](#))

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us therewith be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the **love-of-money (philargyria) is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have strayed from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, **flee these things**; and follow after godliness, righteousness, faith, Love (agape), perseverance, meekness." ([1 Timothy 6:7-11](#))

Jesus said, "He who **Loves (phileo) father or mother more than Me** is not worthy of Me; and he who **Loves (phileo) son or daughter more than Me** is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take-up his cross, and follow after Me, is not worthy of me." ([Matthew 10:37-38](#))

Finally, please consider the following promises related to our Love:

"Listen, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen the poor of this world (to be) rich in faith, and **heirs of the Kingdom** which **He has promised to those who Love Him?**" ([James 2:5](#))

"But as it is written, '*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who* **Love Him.**'" ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#))

Jesus said, "He who has **My commandments, and keeps them, he it is who Loves Me**: and **he who Loves Me shall be Loved by My Father, and I will Love him, and will manifest Myself to him.**" ([John 14:21](#))

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If **a man Loves Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will Love him, and We will** come unto him, and make our dwelling-place with him." ([John 14:23](#))

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**Our Love to God is to be with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength !
Our Love love for our neighbors is to be even as our Love for ourselves !
Our Love for our enemies is to be with blessings, goodness, prayer, and ... !**

**Our Love of God is proven when we keep and obey His Commandments !
Our Love of Jesus is proven when we keep and obey His Words !
Our Love for God is because He First Loved us !**

**For God so Loved the world, that He gave us His only begotten Son Jesus !
So that whoever believes in Jesus should not perish, but have Everlasting Life !**

**Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for such a great Salvation !
Thank You Jesus in that, while we were yet sinners, You died for us !**

**All Love and Praise and Honor and Glory and Power in Your Kingdom is Yours !!
Always and Always ! Forever and Ever !
Amen !**