

WHAT **THE BIBLE** SAYS ABOUT...
LOVE



1: (1): strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties ⟨maternal love for a child⟩

(2): attraction based on sexual desire: affection and tenderness felt by lovers

(3): affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests ⟨love for his old schoolmates⟩

2: warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion ⟨love of the sea⟩

3 a: the object of attachment, devotion, or admiration ⟨baseball was his first love⟩

4 a: unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another: as

(1): the fatherly concern of God for humankind.

(2): brotherly concern for others

b: a person's adoration of God

8: a score of zero (as in tennis) Websters



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Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered. *Vines*

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GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE

Eros

- Physical Love

Storge

- Family Love

Phileo

- Deep Friendship and Affection

Agape

- Sacrificial, Unconditional

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AGAPE

“It means the actual absorption of every part of our being in one great passion. It is used most often in relation to God:

John 3:16. This word has little to do with mere emotion; it indicates love which deliberately, by an act of will, chooses its object, and through thick or thin, regardless of the attractiveness of the object concerned, goes on loving continually, eternally.”

Alan Redpath



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HEBREW WORDS FOR LOVE

Ahab

- Love

Hesed

- Loyalty

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HEBREW 'AHAB' = LOVE

Genesis 22:2

Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

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HEBREW 'AHAB' = LOVE

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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HEBREW 'AHAB' = LOVE

Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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GREAT COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:36–40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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HEBREW 'HESED' = LOYALTY

A higher form of love, involving loyalty, steadfastness, and kindness. *Tyndale*

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HEBREW 'HESED' = LOYALTY

Psalm 136:1–2

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

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HEBREW 'HESED' = LOYALTY

Psalm 51:1

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to
Your lovingkindness; According to the
multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my
transgressions.

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HEBREW 'HESED' = LOYALTY

Lamentations 3:22–23 RSV

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

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AHAB / HESED

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying:

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn
you.

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HEBREW & GREEK FOR LOVE

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HEBREW & GREEK FOR LOVE

Agape is very similar in meaning to hesed in that both denote dedication. Agape specifically means to love the undeserving, despite disappointment and rejection. Tyndale

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GREEK 'AGAPE' = LOVE

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God Loves Us

We Love God

We Love The Brethren

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GOD LOVES US

John 3:16

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Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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WE LOVE GOD

1 John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us.

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John 21:15–17

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

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WE LOVE THE BRETHREN

1 John 4:10–11

In this 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 also ought to love one another.

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1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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WE LOVE THE LOST

Matthew 5:43–44

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to 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, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

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THE COMMAND OF JESUS

John 13:34–35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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THE COMMAND OF JESUS

“These Christians are very strange people. They meet together in an empty room to worship. They do not have an image. They speak of One by the name of Jesus, who is absent, but whom they seem to be expecting at any time. And my, how they love Him and how they love on another.” Tertullian

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