

Attributes of our GOD

Love



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God is Love (I John 4:8,16)

- Genesis 18:27(NASB) And Abraham replied, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am *but dust and ashes*.
- Luke 12: 7(NASB) “Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.”
- I John 4:9(NKJV) In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- Romans 8:35(NKJV) I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
- Romans 8:36(NKJV) nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's Love

- One of the Songs Lyrics by Fredrick Martin Lehman (1868 – 1953)

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled. And pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade:
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry, Nor
could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky.“

- The Love of God is a subject that can never be exhausted- No human mind will ever be able to fathom it.

God's Love

- Its immeasurable.
- Its Causeless
- Its Unprovoked
- Its Impartial (Sunshine, Rain fall etc)
- It is Pure Love (Unconditional, Free from Selfishness, Unworthy motives etc.,)
- Its Sacrificial (Led the holy Son of God to Calvary)
- Its Unique (We may search the Earth for a better dictionary to describe Lord's Love but all in Vain)



J. I Packer in his book “Knowing God” mentions as

God’s love which we may formulate as follows:

God’s love is an exercise of his goodness toward individual sinners whereby, having identified himself with their welfare, he has given his Son to be their Savior, and now brings them to know and enjoy him in a covenant relation.

THE 4 GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE

1



STORGE

The Greek word describing family love, the naturally developing affectionate bond between parents, siblings & family members.

Pronounced:
STOR-jay

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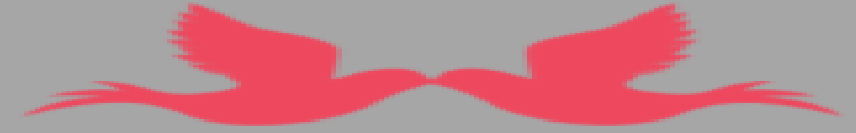


PHILIA

The type of emotional love between good friends, brotherly love, love for humanity & those in need etc.

Pronounced:
FILL-ee-uh

2



EROS

The Greek word for sensual or romantic love.
Pronounced: AIR-ohs

4



AGAPE

The highest of the four types of love as it is the divine love that comes from God. As God is love itself, it means Agape love is perfect, unconditional & a pure love.

Pronounced:
Uh-GAH-pay

God's Love Made Manifest in Life:

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the World, so that we might live through him. ([1 John 4:9](#))

God's love for you was made manifest in sending his Son into the world, in the form of human flesh, as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger

God's love is seen when his Word became flesh ([John 1:1](#)), when all his promises found their yes ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#)), and we could join with the heavenly host in singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased" ([Luke 2:14](#)).

In Jesus, God's love is no longer simply an idea to grasp. His love is flesh and bones, a baby born of a virgin. God with us. In Jesus' birth, we see God's love made manifest among us. He gave us the gift of his Son so that we might have life



God's Love Made Manifest in Death

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ([1 John 4:10](#))

God's love for us was made manifest in sending his Son to be the propitiation for our sins—the sacrifice that turned away God's wrath. It was manifest in Jesus being mocked, whipped, scorned, and, ultimately, crucified on the cross.

Jesus's love wasn't an empty promise. It wasn't fluff to make the disciples feel better. It wasn't intended to be turned into self-help motivation. His love was in every whip on his back, every step on his journey to Calvary, and every nail driven into his body. Though we were God's enemies, he did not desire for any of us to perish. Though we rebelled against God, he took the punishment we deserved. And though we are sinful in our very nature, he made a way for us to return to him.

In Jesus's death, we see God's love made manifest among us. He gave up his life so that we could be forgiven.



God's Love Made Manifest in Us

- Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)
- Just as God's love is more than an emotion towards his people, our love towards others must be more than an emotion. Our love must be made manifest in life and in death.
- Our love must be made manifest in sharing life with others. We are called to a life filled with the fellowship of the believers. We are called to bear one another's burdens. And, we are called to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.
- Our love must also be made manifest in dying to ourselves. We are called to take up our cross daily. We are called to consider others more significant than ourselves. And, we are called to present our bodies as a living sacrifice.

Some of the Bible verses on Love

- ▶ Deut 7:7 “The LORD did not set **His love** on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;
- ▶ Deut 7:8 “but because the **LORD loves you**, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt”.
- ▶ Jer 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.
- ▶ Zeph 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Some of the Bible verses on Love

- John 15:9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
- Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Gal 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- Ephe 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Some of the Bible verses on **Love**

- I 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.
- I John 4:9 In this **the love of God** was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- I John 4:10 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

Some of the Bible verses on Love

- 1 Cor 13:4 - Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- 1 Cor 13:5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- 1 Cor 13:6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- 1 Cor 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.



All Glory to our God. Thank you