

**THE NECESSITY OF LOVE WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

**A. The MEANING of “AGAPE LOVE”.**

Agape love (in a Christian context) is in reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ what is best for \_\_\_\_\_ in light of eternity no matter what it \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The MISCONCEPTIONS about “AGAPE LOVE”.**

1. It is not a FEELING but a MENTAL ATTITUDE (Matthew 5:44)
2. It is VOLITIONAL, and never forced. (active voice)
3. It is not LUST, but about a true love for others. (Gal. 5:13-16, 22-23)
4. It does not lead to DISOBEDIENCE nor a justification for one’s SIN (1 Cor.13:6)
5. It does not lead to \_\_\_\_\_ compromise for the sake of a good cause, and may actually lead to a doctrinal \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor.13:6; Gal.1:6-10; Jude 3; Rom.16:17; Galatians 5:11)
6. It is not about \_\_\_\_\_, but about \_\_\_\_\_ God and benefiting \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 22:27-29; 1 Cor.13:4-5)
7. It is not inconsistent with an appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim.4:2; Titus 1:13; Mark 16:14), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess.5:14), church \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor.5; Titus 3:10), etc.
8. It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ issue in spirituality, but is of great \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor.13:1-3)

**C. The MAXIMAL NECESSITY of “AGAPE LOVE”**

1. Without \_\_\_\_\_ in the message, the exercise of our spiritual gifts becomes a hollow \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a truly edifying \_\_\_\_\_. In some respects, it becomes no different than pagan religious practices. (13:1) –

- Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,

but

- [though I] have not love [agape],

I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

• Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 1:12-18

2. Without \_\_\_\_\_ as the mindset, we have missed the mark of true virtue in the use of our spiritual gifts and biblical knowledge. While we may think we are really ‘something’ we actually are \_\_\_\_\_ . (13:2)

And

- though I have the gift of prophecy,

and

- [though I] understand all mysteries and all knowledge,

and

- though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,

but

- [though I] have not love [agape],

I am nothing.

• Is scriptural doctrine important? (2 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:1)

• But what must we remember about sound doctrine? (1 Corinthians 8:1; 1 Timothy 1:5)

Learning sound, scriptural \_\_\_\_\_ is not an \_\_\_\_\_ in itself but a \_\_\_\_\_ to a greater end – of faith, hope, and love towards the Lord and glorifying Him while benefitting others.

3. Without \_\_\_\_\_ motivating our ministry and sacrifices, they \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_. This will especially become evident at the \_\_\_\_\_ Seat of Christ 13:3)

And

- though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,

and

- though I give my body to be burned,

but

- [though I] have not [agape] love,

it profits me nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 4:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Hebrews 6:10
- Galatians 2:20