

# **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - LOVE**

## **LESSON ONE**

### **I. GREEK WORDS OF LOVE**

#### **A. EROS - Always sexual love - begins with eye (cf. Matt. 5:28)**

1. Word not found in New Testament.

#### **B. STORGE - limited to family love.**

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#### **C. PHILEO - Intimate, warm, tender relationship of mind and body.**

1. John 5:20,16:27

2. I Cor. 16:22

#### **D. AGAPE - Active good-will toward others, seeking the well-being of others.**

1. Word hardly occurs in secular Greek - "born in bosom of revealed religion"
2. Does not just happen - "fall in love" - but determined will.
3. I Jn.4:9-10
4. Rom.15:2

### **II. IMPORTANCE OF LOVE**

A. God is love - I Jn.4:8, Rom.5:8, 8: 35-39, Eph.2:4-7

B. Bond of Perfection -Col.3:14

C. Fulfill Law - Rom.13:10

D. Greatest - I Cor.13:13

### **III. LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER PATTERNED BY LOVE OF GOD**

A. Matt.5:43-48 - idea of "merit" passes out of sight.

B. Must love "unloveable" (Rom.12:20).

### **IV. LOVE'S CONNECTION WITH FAITH**

A. Col.1:4, 2 Thess.1:3

B. Faith set in action by love - Gal.5:6, Eph.6:23

C. Produces generosity - 2 Cor.8:7, 8, 24

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D. Produces forgiveness - 2 Cor.2:7-8

E. Produces edification - I Cor. 14

**V. LOVE IS SECRET OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**

A. Col. 2:2, Eph.5:2

B. Must love truth ( 2 Thess.2:10) but speak truth in love (Eph.4:15).

1. Love sometimes demands strong rebuke (cf. I Cor.16:24)

C. Controls Christian liberty (Gal.5:13, Rom.14:15).

1. No Christian thinks of things ONLY as they affect himself. (Phil.2:1,4).

**VI. LOVE IS THE GROUND OF CHRISTIAN APPEAL.**

A. Philm.7

B. Rom.15:30

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Distinguish between "Phileo" love and "Agape" love.
2. If we claim to be children of God, why is it important to love?
3. Must we love all men, even our enemies?
4. What is the connection between faith and love?
5. How does Paul demonstrate love for one does not mean that you allow one to do as he likes without rebuke?
6. How does love control our liberty in Christ?

7. Paul appealed to Philemon to act by (a) command (b) love (c) command and love.
8. At the end of each day this week list how you demonstrated "love" :