

Love is a Force

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1 Cor. 13:4-13(TLB)~ Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, ⁵ never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. ⁶ It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. ⁷ If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.

⁸ All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. Someday prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge—these gifts will disappear. ⁹ Now we know so little, even with our special gifts, and the preaching of those most gifted is still so poor. ¹⁰ But when we have been made perfect and complete, then the need for these inadequate special gifts will come to an end, and they will disappear.

¹¹ It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. ¹² In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face-to-face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

¹³ There are three things that remain—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Fear is a learned response

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Fear was introduced to our son as a motivation to control his actions.  
Fear used in a wrong way is an unhealthy motivational tool.

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1 John 4:18 (NIV)~ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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Love drives out fear ~NIV

Love expels fear~ NLT

Love casts out fear~ NKJV

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Love is a force~not just a feeling

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John 3:16(NIV)~ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life

Jeremiah 31:3(NIV)~ The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness

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Rom. 5:8(NIV)- But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Eph. 2:4~5(NIV)- But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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Eros- a love based on feeling. It consists of trembling excitement, elation, joy and underpinned by romantic urges with physical expression. It is a self-centered love that needs good feelings to sustain it.

Eros love is most keenly expressed in the sacred sexual intimacy of a husband and wife. When a husband and wife come together-its as if the Holy Spirit combines Agape love (God's Love); Phileo love (affection and friendship); and Eros love (Romantic love) into one. The results becomes a relationship that the couple enjoy fulfillment in all the seasons of life.

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Phileo- if Eros is the love of the body; Phileo is the love of the soul. It's an easy love because its based on affection and it's bent toward natural taste and tendencies. Phileo love embodies cultures and beliefs. Its about people like you with the same interests, social graces and styles. It's often referred to as a deep abiding friendship. Its not a shallow love, because its often rich in emotion and feeling as when your heart embraces with affection toward someone you love that does something wonderful.

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John 21:15-17(NIV)- When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

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Storge- is the Greek word for love that is often referred to as a family love. It is a strong love of family and community. It is different than Eros because it needs no romance or physical stimulation. It's different than Phileo because it doesn't need similar interest or affection to survive.

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Agape- divine love, perfect and pure. It is the love God has for us. Agape love goes way beyond feelings and emotions. Agape love is about actions, not about feelings. Agape love is a force, not a feeling. Agape love is not self-centered; in fact it places others above itself; it is very sacrificial.

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1 Cor. 13:4-7(NIV)- Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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1). Love Cast out Fear

2). Love Covers our Sins

¹ Peter 4:8(NIV)- Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

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3). God's love (agape) has been deposited in every Christian

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Rom 5:5(NIV)~ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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4). We can grow in our awareness of the love of God which abides in us:

Eph. 3:14~19(NIV)~ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.