

The Many Faces of Love



Colossians 3:12-21
1 John 3:16-20

What Does Love Mean To...

- Our Church
- Our Families



Open Your Bibles to
1 John 3:16-20

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?** Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

1 John 3:16-20

This is Love

- Αγάπη (agape)- sacrificial love
- Αδελφός (adelphos)- brother
- The relationship is different than our non-Christian relationships.
- Providing for a brother's needs shows our love for them.

**Turn in Your Bibles to
Colossians 3:12-17**

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:12-17

**Continue Reading in
Colossians 3:18-21**

Family Responsibility

- Wives: ὑποτάσσω (huputasso)- subject yourself to, obey
- Husbands: αγάπη (agape)- sacrificially love
- Children: ὑπακούω (hupakouo)- follow instructions, follow, obey, be subject to
- Fathers: **DO NOT** ἔρεθίζω (erethizo)- provoke or irritate (in a bad sense), embitter

Husbands Be Like Christ (Eph. 6)

ὀφείλω (opheilo)- be obliged to, be indebted to, owe

Αγάπη your wives like your own body

Αγάπη-ed the church and gave Himself up for her

Sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

Present to Himself the church in all her glory

Goal: She would be holy and blameless.

What About Us?

- Are we willing to love each other sacrificially?
- Are we showing appropriate love to our parents, spouses, and children?
- Are we united by our love?
- Are we speaking well of one another to outsiders?



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grow in respect to salvation.