

## PUT ON LOVE

### INTRO TEXT: COL. 3:14 - Love Here is different than we commonly think

INTRO: Today's Usage of Love might be

1. Fondness of Something or Someone – like Friendship type of love
2. Strong sexual Desire for someone
3. Primary LOVE in the NT is quite different its called Agape in the original language

#### I. WHAT EXACTLY IS THAT TYPE OF LOVE?

- A. Agape
  1. Active Goodwill which includes Acting in Best Interests of Others
  2. Its to be Done with the Right Motive - like Serving God
  3. It doesn't depend on how well one is treated – **We Have to DECIDE to DO it**

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT THIS TYPE OF LOVE – AGAPE?

### TEXT: COL. 3:12-14

#### II. WHY PUT ON LOVE?

- A. GOD Expects It – Col. 3:14
- B. Bond of Perfection – Col. 3:14 (glue)

So were going to cover what we need to do to put on love

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##### 1. **LOVE – BOND OF PERFECTION (Noted last)**

- **Tender Mercies** – Kindness or Good will toward the miserable/afflicted with Desire to Relieve
- **Humility** – Modest Opinion of Self
- **Meekness** - Strength Under Control
- **Longsuffering** – Patience, Self-Restraint, Slow to Retaliate wrongs with Antagonistic people, (Associated with Mercy)
- **Bearing with One Another** – Put Up with
- **Forgiving** – Pardon, Let Loose of Wrong

##### 2. Love is what ties these together (meaning of word Bond)

##### 3. Context – Complete in Christ & Setting Our Mind On God

#### B. 2 Peter 1:1-12, 5-7 **Add to Your Faith** (READ 3-12)

##### 1. **Love is the last one noted** (Don't read definitions)

- Faith – Trusting in God (Surrender & Do)
- Virtue – Noteworthy Thought, Feeling & Action
- **Knowledge** – Seeking to Know by Action
- **Self-Control** – Controlling One's Will of What is Learned & Put Into Action
- Perseverance (Patience) – Cheerful or Hopeful endurance (Doing Good, Waiting For, Patient in Suffering)
- Godliness – Devout Toward God, Godly Attitude that does what is well-pleasing to God
- Kindness – Brotherly or Sisterly Love/Affection – Cherish Each Other
- Love (Agape) – Active Good-Will (Deliberate Choice) to All, Acts in Best Interest of Others

##### 2. These Characteristics Are Interrelated

##### 3. Build Upon Each Other But Separate

#### C. Gal. 5:16-26, 22-25 **Fruit of the Spirit** (read 13-14, sum 15-18 & 19-21, read 22-25)

##### 1. **Love is the 1<sup>st</sup> one noted** (Don't read definitions)

- Joy – Calm Delight (Gladness in What God Has Done, Trials, Faith)
- Peace – Tranquility (Harmony, Friendliness) with God & Man – Col 3:15 (God's Peace Rule in Heart)
- Longsuffering – See Above
- Kindness – Useful, Helpful, Gentleness, Pleasant, easy, Gracious
- Goodness - Uprightness of Heart & Life (to Be & Be Good), Desire to Be Good (not necessarily by gentle ways)
- Faithfulness - Trusting in God (Surrender & Do)
- Gentleness/Meekness – Strength Under Control, Accepting from God without Resisting
- Self-Control - Controlling One's Will of What is Learned & Put Into Action

##### 2. Context – Jewish Christians trying to Bind Circumcision so can Glory in that

##### 3. Law is Fulfilled with ONE Word – **Love** (Neighbor & as Yourself) – (Gal 5:14)

#### D. OTHER QUALITIES

##### 1. (Peace – in Beg.) Grace – Goodwill, Loving Kindness, Friendly Disposition from which Kind Acts Proceed

##### 2. Contentment – Feel Adequate with What One Has – Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6-8

##### 3. Thankful – Gratitude – **Col 3:15**

#### E. HIGHEST CALL

##### 1. Perfect Love Casts Out Fear – 1 John 4:18

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1. Sexual Desires
2. Uncleaness – in thought
3. Licentiousness - Lack of Moral Restraint –Especially Sexually
4. Idolatry/Covetousness – holding as too important – Col 3:5
  - a. Selfish Ambitions
  - b. Conceited – Gal 5:26
  - c. Envy – 5:21 & 26
  - d. Passion – Col 3:5 - Inordinate (Inappropriate/Evil) Desires
5. Sorcery/Witchcraft – Drugs & magic together – Appeals to the Occult powers to impress the patient/applicant of the Sorcerer's powers
6. Hatred, Anger, Malice (ill-will and/or to hurt), Dissensions (violent arguments),
7. Heresies (holding to opinions when it conflicts to truth)
  - a. Not Fair-minded – **John 7:24**
  - b. Entitlement Mindset – ex. Birthdays, Health Care, Food
8. Drunkenness & Revelries (partying)
9. Blasphemy – Col 3:8 – Speaking Evil of God or without Proper Respect
10. Similar things

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### V. HOW DO WE LEARN ABOUT LOVE

#### A. Examples

1. Paul - Stoned- **Acts 14:19-21**
  - a. How Did He Know to be Baptized? **Acts 22:16**
  - b. Do we try to teach our enemies? Do we do so in Love?
2. Jesus
  - a. Life of Service vs. Being Served
  - b. Crucifixion
    1. Care for Mother – **John 19:26-27**
      - a. When we are in deep hurt, do we have concern for someone else?
    2. Care for ALL People - **Luke 23:34**
    3. Someone is Criticizing Us – How do we respond?
3. Corinthians Puffed Up & Divided – 1 Cor 12-15
  - a. Do Great Things BUT Nothing without Love – **1 Cor 13:1-3**
  - b. We think we are greater than we really are (He'll listen to me or I can do that better)
    1. There is always someone who can do it better

#### B. What do we deserve?

1. After we sin
  - a. Eternal Torment – Matt 25:31-46

#### C. What do we get? Blessings – Matt 5:45 (Sun shines on & rain falls on the Evil & Good)

1. ALL should be considered gravy/icing on the cake - **Acts 17:23-28**

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### **VI. HOW DO WE PUT ON LOVE**

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- B. Reflect on our words and Actions – **2 Cor 13:5**
  - 1. Fair-Minded (not judgmental, love truth) – John 7:24
- C. Restraining our Minds & Not letting it go to places it shouldn't
- D. Work on changing our thoughts and Actions -**2 Cor 10:4-5**
- E. Think & Act like God wants us to – **Phil 4:8-9**
  - 1. Hating Sin BUT Loving the person – **Rom 12:14** Bless- speak well of
  - 2. Responding appropriately with kindness & gentleness BUT exposing the sin – **Eph 5:11**

### **VII. CONCLUSION**

- A. Agape Love is:
  - 1. Deliberate Choice – Active Goodwill
  - 2. Critical for Christians to have this Type of Love
  - 3. We need to get rid of the things that are hindering us in this Type of Love

(BASIC IDEA IS DENYING SELF & PUTTING ON CHRIST – Developing these Characteristics)

Have you answered the call to Put on Love? - **Col 3:14**