

SHARE THE LOVE! It's More Than a Feeling!

If love is more than a feeling, what is it exactly? The love God gives us and calls us to share with others is not your average kind of love. The Greek term used in the Bible to describe God's love is *agape*. Agape love has little to do with feelings, which may seem strange. Nearly everything in our culture associates love with emotions. We need to fully understand agape love, or we might mistakenly think that we need to feel love in order to share love. I don't think that is what Jesus had in mind when He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself" ([Matthew 22:36-39](#)).

Read [1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13](#).

In the previous chapter, Paul was referencing a myriad of spiritual gifts. In these verses, he references a *greater* gift. *What was it?*

We all have gifts to share with others. However, if those gifts are used with the wrong motive, Paul says they become useless, and we gain nothing. Thank God for the spiritual gifts He has given us to serve others. Ask Him to reveal your true motives and pray, "Lord, reduce me to love!" Agape love isn't something we feel emotionally; it's what we do! It's shown through the way we communicate with others, how we treat those around us, and the little (or big) things we do for them. Agape love can be expressed in so many different ways!

Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#).

Among all the descriptions of what love does and doesn't do, which one resonates with you the most? Which aspects of love do you find easiest to express, and which ones do you find the most challenging? How is God prompting you to share His love this week?

Agape love doesn't come naturally to us, but when we accept Christ as our Savior, something miraculous happens. The inability to love as God loves suddenly becomes possible ([Romans 5:5](#)). This is why Jesus, the ultimate expression of God's love, commands us to share.

Read [John 13:34-35](#).

Agape love is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. When you have agape love, it's clear that the love of God is so much more than a feeling! People who truly experience and possess this kind of love naturally want to share it with others. Share the love!

Dear Lord, thank You for your unconditional, unfailing love toward me. Help me, Lord, to embrace Your love for me so that I can share it with others. As I seek to love, show me ways I can actively display Your love toward those around me this week. Protect me from the need to always feel like loving, and remind me active love brings glory and honor to You and You alone! In Jesus name, Amen.