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He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:8)

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...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Romans 5:5)

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love (Agape) one to another. (John 13:35)

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (1 John 4:7)

The Moral Attributes of God

- 1. Truth
- 2. Love

Understanding Two Kinds of Love

1. Agape:

To choose the highest or best good for another without utilitarian considerations

2. Phileo:

To be friends with;

To have personal attachment to;

To have reciprical affections;

The Importance of Understanding Agape Love

- 1. To understand the great essence of God
- 2. To understand what we should be
- 3. So that others can be recipients of this great love of God through us

The Characteristics of Agape Love

- 1. Voluntariness
- 2. Liberty
- 3. Intelligence
- 4. Virtue
- 5. Disinterestedness
- 6. Impartiality
- 7. Universality
- 8. Efficiency
- 9. Complacency to holiness
- 10. Opposition to sin

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. (Psalm 86:15)

It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalm 145:8-9)

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? (James 2:15-16)

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. (Psalm 86:5)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. (Psalm 103:8)

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 106:1)

The Characteristics of God (Agape Love)

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Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the	
Almighty pervert justice? (Job 8:3)	13.
Justice and judgment are the habita-	
tion of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. (Psalm 89:14)	
Touching the Almighty, we cannot find	A.
him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.	
Men do therefore fear him: he	<u>B</u> .
respecteth not any that are wise of heart. (Job 37:23-24)	
for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.	C.
Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet	D.
will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly,	U.
and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. (Isaiah 26:9-10)	
(Revelation 19:2-6)	
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Charity (Agape Love) rejoiceth in the truth; (1 Corinthians 13:6)	
they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.	A .
(2 Thessalonians 2:10)	
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Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: (Romans 15:5) Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. (James 5:11)	15.
Charity (Agape Love) beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (1 Corinthians 13:7)	
"I think that of all the diseases in the world, the disease that all humankind suffers from, the disease that is most devastating to us is not AIDS, it's not gluttony, it's not cancer, it's not any of those things. It is the disease that comes about because we live in ignorance of the wealth of love that God has for us." -Rich Mullins	
"Jesus is not impressed by our success in anything other than love". —Shawn Bolz	

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