

Love and Building Relationships

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Storge Love:
Familial love,
naturally
occurring,
unforced.



*Agape-
greater than
a Mother*

Is 49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

*Agape-
greater than
a Father*

Heb 12:6 For whom the LORD loves
He disciplines. . .

Lk 15 – Prodigal son: accepted,
always a son.

*Agape-
greater than
a Spouse*

Hos 1:2 "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry . . .

Hos 3:1 "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, *just like* the love of the LORD for the children of Israel . . .

Phileo Love:

“Brotherly” love.
Close friendship.



Agape:

Greater than our Phileo

Pv. 17:17 a friend loves at *all* times . . .

Jn 15:13, 15b Greater love has no one than
this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
15 . . . but I have called you *friends* . . .

Eros Love:

Sensual or passionate love.



He initiates the relationship

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates
His own love toward us, in that
while we were still sinners, Christ
died for us.

**Agape is more
“blind” than Eros.**

Is stronger than Eros.

SoS 2:10 My love calls to Me: Arise, my
darling. Come away my *beautiful one*. . .

2:14b . . . your voice is sweet, and your face is
lovely.

4:7 You are *all fair*, my love, And there is *no*
spot in you.

CSV: You are *absolutely beautiful*, my darling;
there is no imperfection in you.

SoS 3:1-2 By night on my bed *I sought* the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him. ² "I will *rise* now," I said, "And *go* about the city; In the streets and in the squares *I will seek* the one I love."

SoS 6:3 I am my love's and
my love is mine. . . .

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1Jn 4:10-11 In this is love, not that we
loved God, but that *He loved us* and
sent His Son to be the propitiation for
our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

Unconditional

No Limit



Sacrificial

1Jn 4:7-8 Beloved, let us *love one another*, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and *knows* God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Eph 4:15b-16 . . . _Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the *edifying of itself in love*.