

# know THAT YOU KNOW

Part 8 - A Look at Deep Love  
1 John 4:7-21

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- I. JOHN DESCRIBES THE NATURE OF **GOD**.
- A. Eros is the word used for **romantic** love. It is totally a conditional feeling and because it is, it comes and goes.
  - B. Phileo is the word used for **friendship** love. It is loving those who love us.
  - C. Agape is the word always associated with **God's** love. It is a deep, selfless, self-sacrificing, unconditional, costly and oftentimes unreciprocated kind of love.
  - D. *1 John 4:9-10 "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*
    - 1. God chose to love us even when we were **unlovable**.
    - 2. God chose to love us by giving of Himself to meet our needs even when we didn't love Him back.

3. God chose to love us by giving the ultimate sacrifice of His Son for us.

E. 1 John 4:19 “We love God only because He **first** loved us.”

II. THIS PASSAGE DESCRIBES THE NATURE OF GOD’S **KIDS**.

A. 1 John 4:7 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not **know** God, because God is love.”

B. 1 John 4:11 “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

C. 1 John 4:16 “Whoever lives in **love** lives in God, and God in him.”

D. 1 John 4:21 “Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

E. 1 John 4:17 “...Because in this world we are **like** Him.”

F. The evidence that we are born again is that we have the DNA of the **agape** of our Heavenly Father.

2 Peter 1:4 “(we) ...became partakers of the divine nature.”

G. Luke 6:27-36 “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you (Phileo), what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be **sons** (mature children) of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (NIV)

H. 1 John 4:9 “This is how God **showed** His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.”

I. Revelation 7:9-12 “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every** nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” (NIV)



