

The Power Of Love

Lesson 2. Extraordinary, But Not Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 John 3

16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

Agape means laying down your life like Jesus
Agape means giving personal resources

Agape is how you talk — also how you act

James 2

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

Works also validate faith

1 Corinthians 13

1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

It is possible to go through the motions of spiritual behavior without having agape.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

It is possible to max out on strong spiritual gifts and yet not have agape.

3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

It is possible to be apparently sacrificial in giving and serving and yet not have agape.

Agape will manifest in your attitudes, words, and actions (including facial expressions) when you surrender yourself to the Christ life and Holy Spirit filling.