



Are We Displaying Agape Love? I John 4:19-21

Love is that which forgives the most and condones the least.

Love is one of the well-known hallmarks of John's letters.

Loving one another is the key to the entire section. Vs. 7

We are told that God is love. Vs. 8

There are 5 reasons why Christians love:

1. Because God is the essence of love. Vs.8
2. To follow the supreme example of God's sacrificial love in sending His Son for us. Vs. 9
3. Because love is the heart of Christian witness. Vs.12
4. Because love is the Christian's assurance. Vs. 13-16
5. Because love is the Christian's confidence in judgement. Vs. 17-20

God has given us many different levels of love and with each level we can express these various forms of love to others.

- **Phileo**- Brotherly love, friendship
- **Eros**- Passionate or sexual love
- **Storge**- Parental or family love
- **Agape**- A selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love of the will

We want to look at this Agape love

Verse 19-20 reveals that if we do not love our brothers and sisters then we don't really love God.

We must love because we are loved.

Verse 21 summarizes chapter 4. One cannot love God without first loving his fellow believers.

Jesus taught us that the highest form is Agape love.

Agape love is what John 3:16 is all about.

Agape love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit who indwells us. Gal. 5:22-23

We can see Agape love in Gal. 6:1

We are called to love God. Duet. 6:5

Let us resolve to become a people who will love Jesus first and then express this love found in Christ in all its form towards all things.