

## THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

### **I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7     Jeff Schreve

*Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

**Do you understand what agape love really looks like?**

#### **1. Agape love is longsuffering.**

A. It is a love that is slow to anger and patiently endures.

B. It is a love that cuts people lots of slack.

C. It is a love that waits on the Lord.

*Be patient until the coming of the Lord. James 5:7*

#### **2. Agape love is kind and gracious.**

A. Kindness treats others with respect.

*Love does not act unbecomingly. 1 Corinthians 13:5*

B. Kindness gives a blessing not an insult.

*To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9*

C. Kindness does not go off on people.

#### **3. Agape love is not jealous of other people.**

*Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. James 3:13-16*

A. Jealousy is rooted in comparison and covetousness.

B. Jealousy is often characterized by resentment.

*... for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. Exodus 34:14*

*For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.*

*2 Corinthians 11:2*

C. God is jealous for you not of you.

*Do you think this passage means nothing? It says, "The Spirit that lives in us wants us to be his own." James 4:5 GW*

**Jesus is calling to you today, "Will you walk in love with Me?"**