

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

THERE IS NO “I” IN LOVE

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 not boastful or arrogant.

A. A braggart feels the need to tell you how great he is.

- A braggart is often dealing with insecurity.

B. An arrogant person thinks he is better than others.

For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Galatians 6:3

2. Agape love is not self-seeking or self-serving.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

A. Self is the biggest problem for all of us.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. Galatians 5:16-17

B. Agape love is others centered, not self-centered.

3. Agape love is not easily angered.

A. Righteous indignation is being angry for God.

B. Unrighteous anger is being angry for self.

The only way we can defeat self is through the cross of Christ.