**Four Types of Love in the BIBLE:**

1. Philla ~ Brotherly Love
2. Storge ~ Family Love
3. Eros ~ Sensual love, Romantic; Husband and Wife
4. Agape ~ Love of GOD for Man

**Three Points**

1. What Does Agape Love Do?
2. What is the Example of Agape God has Given Us?
3. Because the Church has the HOLY SPIRT in them, God wants His Children to Love One Another as He Loves

**Point A: What Does Agape Love Do?**

* I Corinthians 13:1-8 (KJV)

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**1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

**2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

**3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

**4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

**5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

**6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

**7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

**Point B: What is the Example of Agape God has Given Us?**

* Matthew 27:27-54 (NAS)

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**27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* cohort around Him. **28** They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. **29** And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" **30** They spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head. **31** After they had mocked Him, they took the *scarlet* robe off Him and put His *own* garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

**32** As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to bear His cross.

**33** And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, **34** they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting *it*, He was unwilling to drink.

**35** And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. **36** And sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over Him there. **37** And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

**38** At that time two robbers \*were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. **39** And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads **40** and saying, "You who *are going to* destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." **41** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him* and saying, **42** "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. **43** He trusts in God; let God rescue *Him* now, if He delights in Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.'" **44** The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

**45** Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. **46** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" **47** And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah." **48** Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. **49** But the rest *of them* said, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him." **50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. **51** And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; **53** and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. **54** Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

**Point C: Because the Church has the HOLY SPIRT in them, God wants His Children to Love One Another as He Loves**

* I John 3:11-24 (NAS)

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**11** For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; **12** not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

**13** Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. **15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**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. **19** We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him **20** in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **22** and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

**23** This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. **24** The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

**Invitation**

**1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

**2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

**3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

**4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

**5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.