



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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Prayer:

Father thank you for giving to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you. Thank you for opening our spiritual eyes and ears to your Word. Thank you for your love which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. (from Ephesians 5:20)

In the [January 2018](#) article, we summarized each of the 2017 teachings and set the theme for 2018 as *Love*. The Word of God is the Will of God.

There are three Greek words for love. The first one is **Philia** which means natural or human love (the equivalent verb is *phileo*). The second translation of love is **Agape** or divine love, the love of God (the equivalent verb is *agapao*). The third Greek word for love is **Eros** or animal love or sexual attraction. When the word *Love* is used in the Bible, it is important to go back to the original Greek text to understand which form of the word and its meaning is being used.

I want to share with you, the born-again believers, God's Word on the second Greek word for love, **Agape** and the verb form **agapao**. So, little is taught about how we are to love or demonstrate Agape or godly love. God, our Father, demonstrated this Agape love in the gospel of John. Let's look at John 3:16:

For God so loved [agapao] the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Agape love involves action. In John 3:16, God "gave *his only begotten Son*." God didn't just say He loved the world; God acted, He gave.

The verb "Agapao" accurately means that God's love becomes yours when you take action and are born-again of God's Spirit (Romans 10:9), because God is love (1 John 4:8). The new birth or being born-again imparts this love of God in your spirit. Therefore, we become children of love. It's on the inside. Romans 5:5 says:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost [Spirit] which is given unto us.

The love of God has been abundantly poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us when we were born-again of God's Spirit. So, you see, the love of God has flooded us within, it's in our spirit, it's on the inside. When Christ came, he brought it with him. It is Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)!

To manifest this spiritual love of God in the sense's world, we must believe in our minds what we have received spiritually. We must develop our believing and manifest it by believing God's Word and acting on it.

We have become so accustomed to receiving information by our five senses. Now how do we receive spiritual knowledge? We do it by studying the Word of God, operating the manifestations of the spirit, and renewing our minds to say, "It is written" and "Thus said the Lord." We are not to conform to this world. Romans 12:2 tells us:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The renewing of our minds transforms our lives so that we may prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect Will of God. The only way you can do this is to be born-again of God's Spirit. How do we renew our minds? One definition of the renewed mind is to hold the Word of God in your mind and act accordingly. We must renew our minds to put God's Word in our mind, people. We must walk by the Word of God. What you believe in is what you say and do. Your mind directs your talk, walk and your actions! (See [October 2016](#) article.) Joshua 1:8 states:

This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Do you want to have prosperity? Do you want to have good success? Then study God's Word, meditate (keep God's Word in your mind) and do God's Word day and night. Now you see why we need to study the Word of God! We cannot do God's Will without having knowledge of His Word. II Timothy 2:15 says:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Approved to whom? God! We are to "rightly dividing the word of truth" which is the Word of God and His Will.

When God's Word tells us to put on or put off something in our minds, it must be something we must do in our minds by our own free will. Your will determines how far you will go with God! So, the first thing we must do is study God's Word. We are to put it in our minds and walk in God's love.

"Agapao love" is defined as the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. We must believe God's Word and disciple ourselves to walk in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation once we are born-again of God's Spirit. This is an hour-by-hour, day-by-day, week-by-week, month-by-month walk of love. God has given us a new kind of love, it's a spiritual love.

Once again "Agapao love" is defined as the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. Let's read a tremendous example of the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation in God's Word in 1 Corinthians 13. As background, this chapter is addressed:

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified [set apart by God's Spirit in you] in Christ Jesus, called to be saints [born-again believers], with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Are you sanctified in Christ Jesus? Are you born-again of God's Spirit? Do you have the spirit of Christ? Do you call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord? Then 1 Corinthians 13 is addressed to you. The Greek word "Agapao" for love is translated in the King James Bible as "charity," as well as love. However, the key is that "Agapao" is action.

Let us just read this extraordinarily chapter on the Greek word for love or "Agapao" in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Verse 1:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

There is nothing wrong with speaking in tongues. But without love, I am as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Verse 2:

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith (believing), so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation], I am nothing.

What am I without the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation? Nothing. All the achievements in my life are nothing without love or "Agapao."

Verse 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 [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation], it profiteth me nothing.

It profited me how much? Nothing. All the good works I have done in my life profited me nothing without love.

As we continue in 1 Corinthians 13, we will see two characteristics of the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

Verse 4:

Charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation] suffereth long, and is kind.

We see that "Agapeo" suffers long and is kind.

Next, we will see what the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation is not:

Verse 5:

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.

The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation does NOT behave itself rude. It does NOT seek itself. It does NOT get easily provoked or thinks evil.

Verse 6:

Rejoiceth not in iniquity.

We don't celebrate injustice or crime or wickedness. This is NOT love.

Let's continue in 1 Corinthians 13 to learn more about the characteristics of the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

Latter part of verse 6:

but rejoiceth in the truth;

We celebrate the truth of God's Word. Instead of rejoicing in injustice, we focus on the truths presented in God's Word.

Verse 7:

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

The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things according to God's Word. That's why the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation never fails.

Verse 8:

Charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation] 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.

The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation never fails. God's Word says God's love never fails! It will never cease or vanish away!

Verses 9-13:

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect [Jesus Christ] is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith [believing], hope, charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation], these three; but the greatest of these is charity [the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation].

What is the greatest thing in the world today? The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation activates your believing and anticipates hope.

Many people are born-again of God's Spirit. They have the love of God in them, but you never see it manifested in them. Why? Because they have not renewed their minds to God's Word. When we walk in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation, self-interest is completely eradicated. Folks, this is an hour-by-hour, day-by-day, week-by-week, month-by-month walk of love. We must disciple ourselves to walk in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

All born-again believers of God's Spirit who have renewed their minds on what we have in Christ Jesus and manifested this love of God become new men and women walking in God's love in the senses' world! There is just no one we could not love because we have "Agapao." The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation makes us a success in this life. The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation makes us victorious. The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation leads us to the very strength and ability of Christ! There is no force on earth that can defeat the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

In summary we learned that the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation **does not:**

- Behave itself unseemly,
- Seeks not self-interest,
- Is not easily provoked,
- Thinks no evil,
- Does not rejoice in iniquity.

The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation **does:**

- Suffers long,
- Is kind,
- Rejoices in the truth,
- Bears all things,

- Believes all things,
- Hopes all things, and
- Endures all things.

The love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation never fails. We keep our heart, soul, strength, and mind in God's Word. We speak God's Word in love. We meditate and manifest God's love day and night. By doing this, we shall make our way prosperous, and we shall have good success in this life.

Father, I thank you abundantly for filling our hearts with your love nature when we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that you raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 10:9). You gave us your gift of holy spirit. I thank you that we can be strong in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. Your Word tells us the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation shall never fail us! Father thank you, that we can increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you (1 Thessalonians 3:12) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. (see Ephesians 5:20).

Next's month teaching subject will continue to explore "Agapao love" which is defined as the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

In the Lord,

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