

Real Love

1 Corinthians 13 [Español](#)

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. 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. 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. Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 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. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect 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, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

Jesus Christ showed us the best example of what true charity (love) is. We too often mistaken charity for doing acts of service for someone else but that in itself is not what charity is. Charity is the heart of God.

Is this heart, in your heart?

All our good works, good deeds, time, money, labor is worthless without the heart of God behind it. The heart of Christ is known by those receiving the good works and deeds even if nothing is spoken specifically to them.

We all know when someone is being genuine or not. You can tell a smile from the heart and one that is simply on the face. The same is with every act and deed and we are not fooling anyone to just go through the motions of doing.

If this has touched your heart and you know you are one that has just been going through the motions of showing love to your neighbor (which is everyone that is not you). Then repent, ask for forgiveness and ask our loving Lord and Savior to put His heart in your heart. And that you will see people with His eyes and then ask Him "What would you have me to do Lord?"

Now go and do it.

Examples of Agape Love in the Bible to help us marinade every part of our being in the truth.

Charity = Strong's G26 Agape

Agape = Affection, good will, love, benevolence, brotherly love

Romans 5:8 [Español](#) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 13:35 [Español](#) By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:9-10 [Español](#) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 15:13 [Español](#) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 17:26 [Español](#) And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Romans 13:10 [Español](#) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

1 Corinthians 16:14 [Español](#) Let all your things be done with charity.

Galatians 5:6 [Español](#) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Ephesians 3:19 [Español](#) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 5:2 [Español](#) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Philippians 1:9 [Español](#) And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;