

# LOVE IS....

Love changes everything about you.

Instructions: **Print this page**

## 1. Read this passage:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4–7 ESV).

## 2. Highlight or underline each instance of the word 'Love' below (the word 'Love' placed in passage where it is referred to).

Love is patient and Love is kind; Love does not envy or boast; Love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; Love is not irritable or resentful; Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but Love rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, Love believes all things, Love hopes all things, Love endures all things.

## 3. Write your name in the place of 'Love' in the blanks below and keep this where you can see it everyday.

\_\_\_\_\_ is patient

\_\_\_\_\_ is kind;

\_\_\_\_\_ does not envy or boast;

\_\_\_\_\_ is not arrogant or rude.

\_\_\_\_\_ does not insist on its own way;

\_\_\_\_\_ is not irritable or resentful;

\_\_\_\_\_ does not rejoice at wrongdoing,

\_\_\_\_\_ rejoices with the truth.

\_\_\_\_\_ bears all things,

\_\_\_\_\_ believes all things,

\_\_\_\_\_ hopes all things,

\_\_\_\_\_ endures all things.

### "What is agape love?"

**Answer:** The Greek word agape is often translated "love" in the New Testament. How is "agape love" different from other types of love? The essence of agape love is goodwill, benevolence, and willful delight in the object of love. Unlike our English word love, agape is not used in the New Testament to refer to romantic or sexual love. Nor does it refer to close friendship or brotherly love, for which the Greek word philia is used.

**Agape love** involves *faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will*. It is distinguished from the other types of love by its lofty moral nature and strong character.

Agape love is beautifully described in 1 Corinthians 13.  
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**The Love of God** was perfectly manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. When Jesus marched to the cross, he embodied God's Love for us that we may be free of sin and death and have eternal life. "For God so **loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). If you are in Christ, His Love is in you and He loves through you. **Do you have a personal relationship with Christ?**