

Modern English is an imprecise, and always evolving language. Studying the Bible by using only our English translations has caused major misunderstandings at times. A prime example of this is the various meanings we apply to the word "Love." Sometimes we're only expressing feelings or emotions. Or, perhaps we're just expressing our opinion regarding an inanimate object or a color we like or don't like.

Many times, however, "love" is more than that. It defines a position or an action we're motivated to express or perform. Love is then being referred to as a verb, not an emotional feeling. Ancient Koine Greek provides much more precise word definitions; its vocabulary is extensive. This language provides four (4) separate words to express different meanings for this word "love." Our English vocabulary, many times, replaces them with one word. Three of these word applications have frequently been misapplied in our modern English translations. They were never intended to convey humanity's action thoughts or motives.

We recklessly use the word "love" to communicate (1) physical attraction, (2) emotional feelings, (3) targeted emotions, like a mother's feelings for her child. However, the fourth (4) implies unconditional verbal love. It implies way more than to say we "like" something. It's called agape LOVE. It's an appeal for action or, perhaps, a life changing prayer request!!!

Agape love allows the ability to express love and to pray for a person we, sometimes, do not or, many times, cannot like. Sometimes even an enemy of our cause. Remember, God's love for us is "unconditional." Agape love cast out fear. Read 1st John 4:18 again!!!

Many denominations, and behavioral habits, even cults, have developed by overemphasizing certain aspects of Scripture at the expense of letting others fall short or be eliminated.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Always apply EXEGESIS reasoning when researching Bible interpretations.

EXEGESIS (ek' sah jee' sis) means accurately interpreting Scripture to understand truth and to shape opinions in light of biblical facts.

EISEGESIS (eye' sah jee' sis) means gleaning the Scriptures in such a way as to make the Bible appear to support preconceived positions or opinions.

Our Lord and Savior speaks "Agape Love" through Scriptures. After humanity's fall, described early in Genesis, Satan, many times, speaks to our fear driven selfish reasoning. Remember, all sinful behavior is motivated by FEARFUL thinking. However, remember this too; we are only tempted to fear at first, before it actually consumes us... Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13 again. Then always pray in the NAME of JESUS, while fear is only a temptation. Let our Lord's "Agape Love" be who we are!!! We must always stop trying and begin letting Agape Love be who we are!!!