

An Uncommon Love

Phileo love is the kind of love that everyone in the world has. It's a brotherly love. The world loves their children with a common love. That love allows man to stay in His image to some degree. But there is not much of this *phileo* love left.

Isa 24:5-6 — Few men are left who have not broken the everlasting covenant. There is not much *phileo* love left in people because all human worth is being destroyed. But, there are still a few in the world who have *phileo* love.

Rom 5:5 — Whoever has our Father's love must love. There is no way we can love with His love unless we have Him. There is a difference between the love you *have* and the love you *show*.

There are two words for *agape* love:

#25 (verb) — a direction of the will; finding one's joy in something;

#26 (noun) — the love that the Father poured out in our hearts.

The latter is the common love that is in us, His love that is poured out in us. We have a common spirit, the Holy Spirit. We can't love the way He loves without His Spirit, and His love. Without that love you are self-centered, not others-centered.

Jn 13:34-35 — That love is a direction of the will. Our Master had to *will* to love His disciples. It wasn't just there, but He *showed* it. There is love that you *have* and love that you *show*. Laying down your life is the ultimate showing love. If we have that love, and show it, all men will know that we are His disciples. We cannot love one another as He loved us unless we have His love. If we desert His love, we are not wise virgins. In Rev 2:4, they deserted that love, thus they forsook Him.

What can we do without love? Without love we are totally self-centered and we walk around with a sour face.

Rom 5:5 — The hope that doesn't disappoint makes us unashamed. Rom 5:3 — We have tribulation, but we glory in tribulation, being fully developed in that emotional

aspect. Tribulation develops patient endurance. (Patience wears out if you have deserted that love. Love is the ultimate demonstration.) Patience develops proven character. Through patience we are approved. Proven character brings about hope. Hope does not make you ashamed or disappointed.

If you have been immersed into the Holy Spirit, into the supernatural life of the community, then you do have love. We have love, if we are truly immersed. You have that love and there is no excuse; you must use that love to love others, showing that love.

1 Jn 3:14 — We know we've passed out of death and into life because we love the brethren. We hardly know whether we've passed out of death and into life unless we are showing that love. 1 Jn 4:20 — Not using that love is actually hating your brother. Not loving is actually hating, neglecting, shunning. This is not an aggressive hatred, it is simply ignoring.

Heb 3:13 means encouraging, beseeching, and seeing where your brother is at. This is what people who are serving our Master do, if this is where our Master is (Jn 12:26). You can only serve Him where He is. It shows on your countenance if you are being honored by the Father. It shows who is serving Him where He is and who is not.

1 Cor 16:22 — Whoever does not love (*phileo*), let him be accursed (accursed = cut off). Even the world has a common love for their brother or sister. *Phileo* is having a common interest in one another. If we don't even have this, then certainly a curse will come upon us, if we don't even love our Master this way.

If you have love, how is it that you cannot love with the direction of your will? No one has an excuse to not love as our Master loved. How much difference would it be if we loved as our Master did? In the world you can only love to a certain dimension. We are called to love to a greater dimension. We love even those who aren't so lovable. Some people aren't so lovable because they don't have His glory upon them. We must love them and bring them up into a greater dimension. People who are hard to love are

the ones you should give your attention to, not the ones who are full of grace. We all know what love is from 1 Cor 13. You have to be set free to love.

There are three kinds of love:

- 1) *Phileo* (#5368) — brotherly love; to treat affectionately or kindly; to befriend;
- 2) *Agape* (#26) — God’s love poured out into our hearts;
- 3) *Agapao* (#25) — Showing that love; a direction of the will; to love dearly, finding one’s joy in it.

Philadelphia is the city of *phileo* — brotherly love. People in Philadelphia should either change their behavior or change their address.

Ha-emeq — We really have to be set free to love! Some people are so shy because they are in the grips of self, so they do not love. Love makes you forget about yourself. You can be friendly when you forget about yourself. We’ve been set free from the evil one’s grasp. We’ve been let out of the cage of ourselves. Even a mother goat loves its baby. When that little baby goat is born that’s all she sees. She’s totally focused on taking care of her little baby. But then it grows up and eventually the mother doesn’t pay so much attention to it. Babies and children are a hassle to any selfish person.

When Jonathan’s armor-bearer saw that Jonathan was about to go up against the Philistines, he said, “I’m with you all the way!” Because he was with him “all the way” he wasn’t complaining the whole way. He wasn’t having a hard time because Jonathan was going a different way than he thought they should. He didn’t whine because he stubbed his toe, or his finger got pinched, etc. He was with him *all the way*. All those things probably did happen, but they weren’t an issue, if he even noticed.

Our Master is our hero. We can love as He loved. First we love our Master; then we can love others. It is freedom to be set free to love.

If we were all for each other “all the way” can you imagine what would happen?

Sameach — Our Father does not close his heart to us, but we can actually close our heart to our brothers. God is love. You can’t think God is with you without loving. The world has a dimension of love, but we in Messiah must love to a greater dimension.

Mt 12:30; Pr 17:17 — “Whoever is not with Me is against My cause.” A brother loves at all times, allied in the same struggle. What would happen if every person was loving at all times?

1 Jn 3:17; 2:15 — How can we know whether the love of God is in us? “Love not the world...” We can love the world in subtle ways. How can God’s love be in our hearts if we love the world? If a man loves the world, then the love of God is not in him. When you are tempted by the world and give in, you grieve the Holy Spirit. We can assault the Holy Spirit by loving the world and not loving our brothers.

“If you aren’t with Me you are against Me.” We have become enemies. Loving the world stains our garment. We are the greatest people in the history of the earth to not love the world *NOW*, in this age, with all the available things — to not love these things so that we will be able to bring about the end of the age. That is why we work together now, doing the best we can.

The best way to hate the world is to ignore it. We have to hate our life in this world. We will love the world if we do not actively hate it. Can His love be in our hearts if we love the world?

A friend loves at all times.