

The Way God Loves You

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Agape=is love of the will and is intentional. It is a sacrificial type of love.

Nothing is expected in return but focused solely on the other person.

Phileo=is love of family, friends and so on, similar to agape but not as deep n Mutual give and take relationship.

Eros=is the impulse love, non rational. Probably the love we feel when we are “in love” with someone or something. Focused on self and what “I” can get.

Love is not a **solo experience**. You must have a **giver** and **receiver**.

We all **desire** to be loved.

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God is **love**. 1 John 4.7-9

-Everything God does is the **result** of his love for us.

God loves **everyone**. John 3.16

What this means for you

1. God loves you and wants a **relationship** with you.
2. You need to **receive** God’s love today.
3. God loves you in a **deep** and **personal** way, we just don’t realize it.

With God everyone is a someone.

You matter to God and to the CREW.

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