

## Considering Love

There are four Greek words that can be translated as love in English. Three of them are in the text of scripture.

1. Agape – love that is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and is not based in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Phileo – love based in \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sterge – love that is held between \_\_\_\_\_ members
4. Eros – physical, \_\_\_\_\_ love (not used in the NT)

When Jesus teaches us to love, he tells to “agape”.

- ✓ Matthew 5:43-48 – Jesus teaches us to love our \_\_\_\_\_ and in this way become \_\_\_\_\_ in love as God is complete in love.
- ✓ John 13:34 – Jesus taught the apostles to love one another as \_\_\_\_\_ had love them and called this a “new” commandment
- ✓ John 13:35 – Jesus said men would know that they were his \_\_\_\_\_ by the love they had for one another
- ✓ John 14:15 – If we love Jesus we will \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments
- ✓ John 14:21-24 – this text makes it very clear that the one who loves Jesus is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments
- ✓ John 14:30-31 – Jesus proves his love for the Father by his \_\_\_\_\_ to his Father’s will

Read 1st Corinthians 12:31-13:13

1. Paul writes “a more excellent way”..... more excellent than what?
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ things that Paul says love “is”, and \_\_\_\_\_ things that love is not
3. When Paul writes “love is not”, would it be accurate to say that love “precludes” these behaviors? What is the difference, if any, in expressing it this way?
4. What are some ways we express love?
5. How do you understand 13:8-13?