



Believe

Week 21

Colossians 4: 2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.
And pray for us, too, that
God may open a door for
our message, so that we may
proclaim the mystery of Christ,
for which I am in chains.

Colossians 4: 2-6

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

*full of grace, seasoned
with salt*

**What does that mean to
you?**

What motivates us to share
Christ with others?

LOVE!!!

How do you define love?

How do you think the
world defines love?

Why is love so difficult to
define?

Think of the times you said
you loved someone or
something.

(1) : strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties maternal love for a child.

(2) : attraction based on
sexual desire : affection and
tenderness felt by lovers
After all these years, they
are still very much in love.

(3) : affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests love for his old schoolmates.

Even in the ancient Greek language Love was hard to define as there are 8 words for love in the ancient Greek 3 of these words are translated from the Greek as Love in the New Testament.

1. Ἀγάπη or Ἀγαπάω
(Agapē or Agapaō)

2. Φιλέω (Phileō)

3. Στοργή (Storgē)

John 21: 15-17

When they had finished eating,
Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon son of John, do you love
me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know
that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

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Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon son of John, do you
Agapē me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know
that I Phileō you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you Agapē me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I Phileō you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

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"Simon son of John, do you love
me?" Peter was hurt because
Jesus asked him the third time,
"Do you love me?" He said,
"Lord, you know all things; you
know that I love you." Jesus
said, "Feed my sheep.

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Why did Peter respond to
Jesus that he had a Phileō
love for Him and not a
deeper, sacrificial Agapē
love?

I think Peter remembered
what he did in Luke 22: 54-62

Do you think Peter developed
an Agapē love for Jesus?

Historians say that, when Peter was put to death for sharing his faith, he requested to be crucified on an inverted cross. The reason for his request was that, because he had denied his Lord, he did not consider himself worthy to die as Jesus had.

Key Verse

1 John 4: 10-12

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love
is made complete in us.

“since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Did God love us when we were living in sin and rejecting him?

How does the passage above apply to our study last week on evangelism?

Matthew 5: 43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

that you may be children of
your Father in heaven. He
causes his sun to rise on the
evil and the good, and sends
rain on the righteous and the
unrighteous.

Romans 5: 8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Exodus 23: 4-5

“If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it. If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.

Why is there a difference
between how the world
defines love and Godly or
Agapē love?

2 Timothy 3: 1-5

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

without love, unforgiving,
slanderos, without self-
control, brutal, not lovers of
the good, treacherous, rash,
conceited, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers
of God

having a form of godliness
but denying its power. Have
nothing to do with such
people.

The big difference:

Worldly love is all about ME

Godly love is all about YOU

What difference does the
Biblical definition of love
make in the way I live?