



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### The Most Excellent Way of Love

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- Agape love is a selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love that seeks the very best for another person.

*John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- Agape love is more concerned about what is best for us than how we necessarily feel in the moment.

*1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

- God has given spiritual gifts as tools to be used in love for the benefit of His church.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

- A good question to ask ourselves is this: "What if Jesus loved me the way I love others?"

*1 Corinthians 13:6-13 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

- **Key 1:** Spend time with God daily to know Him and lovingly submit to His Lordship.

*Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled,*

*ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

- As we spend time with Jesus and His followers, we will begin to look, speak, and act more like Him.
- **Key 2:** Regularly examine ourselves against the word of God.
- **Key 3:** Go back and repeat Step 1.
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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