

VALENTINE'S DAY: WHAT IS LOVE?  
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The word *love* occurs 543 times in the Bible.

*Love* in the Old Testament - 14 different words

21 different Greek words translated *love*

*Strong's #25* - *Agapaō*: verb - to love; in the NT usually the active love of God for His Son and His people, and the active love His people are to have for God, each other, and even enemies: love 135, beloved 7

*Strong's #26* - *Agapa*: noun - love 86; charity 27, charitably 1, dear 1. Once used for *love feast*, the common meal shared by Christians in connection with church meetings

Used to describe the attitude of God toward His Son (John 17:26)

*Agapa*: used to describe the attitude of God toward the human race, generally (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

*Agapa*: used to such as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:21)

*Agapa*: used to convey His will to His children concerning their attitude toward another (John 13:34)

*Agapa*: used to convey His will to His children concerning their attitude toward all men (1 Thess 3:12; 1 Cor 16:14; 2 Peter 1:5)

*Agapa*: used to express the essential nature of God (1 John 4:8)

Φιλεω (*phileō*): tender affection, to love, to have affection and regard of a very high order, not unlike αγαπαω (*agapaō*) and overlapping in meaning in some contexts; love 22, kiss 3

John 21 – Peter and Christ

To *phileō* life, from an undue desire to preserve it, forgetful of the real object of living, meets with the Lord's reproof (John 12:25).

Romans 12:10 – Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another

Φιλαργθπια (*philargthpia*): love of money, avarice, greed: love of money (11 Timothy 6:10)

*Aphilarguros*: no lover of money (1 Tim 3:3)

2 Timothy 3:2 – For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy

2 Timothy 3:4 – “traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”

Φιλαγαθος (*philagathos*) (Titus 1:8; 2 Tim 3:3)

In Titus 2:4, the older women are to teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, and to love their children.

Φιλανθρωπια (*philanthropia*) (Tit 3:4)

*Strong's #5382* - Φιλοξενος (*philoxenos*) - hospitality: given to hospitality 1, hospitality 1, lover of hospitality 1, loving strangers love and hospitality (*xenia*) (Titus 1:8; 1 Tim 3:2)

*Strong's #5383* - Φιλοπρωτευω (*philoprotuō*) - love to be first: loveth to have preeminence among (3 John 9)

*Strong's #2309* - *Theō* - to will, decide, want to, wish, desire: would 75, will 91, desire 16, willing 10, have 5, 2, listed 2, disposed 1, forward 1, had rather 1, intending 1, it hath pleased 1, listeth 1, love 1, meaneth 1, mean 1, pleased 1, so 1, voluntary 1 (Mark 12:38)

Προσφιλης (*prospiles*): pleasing, agreeable, lovely pros toward *phileō* to love; lovely in Phil 4:8

#### Languages of Love

- A. Physical Touch
- B. Words of Affirmation
- C. Quality Time
- D. Acts of Service
- E. Gifts

#### Demonstration of Love

- A. John 3:16
- B. John 13:35
- C. John 15:12-13
- D. Ephesians 6

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