

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love

Galatians 5:22

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Sermon Notes

In 1 John 4:8, God is defined as _____.

Consider the traits of love in 1 Corinthians 13. Apply them to God.

The first and greatest command is to _____ with all you have. The second greatest commandment is to _____ your _____ as yourself (Lev 19:18).

Phileo is when you love because you have something in _____.

Eros is the love of _____.

Storge refers to natural _____ like a parent has for a child.

Agape means to serve someone for their _____ value, not because of what the person brings to you. The opposite of agape love is _____, and the counterfeit is selfish _____ (Tim Keller).

Questions for Discussion (small group, personal reflection, or family devotional)

1. Share how God fulfills the definition of love given in 1 Corinthians 13.
2. How often do you consider the two greatest commandments? What do they mean?
3. The Greeks had 4 words for love. List ways all 4 apply to your life, and discuss how agape love is different from the others.
4. Consider the prayer of Francis Xavier: "I love thee...solely because thou art my God, and my eternal king."

Action Item

1. This week, I will seek to love with God's love, by the power of the Spirit.