

Biblical Love

A Defining Mark—John 13:35

Theme = True Biblical love is a (and possibly the) _____ mark of a _____.

What is True Biblical Love?

-Definition:

Love, whether used of God or _____, is an earnest and anxious desire for and an active and beneficent _____ in the well-being of the one loved (ISBE).

-Two different Greek words in the New Testament:

Agape = denotes the _____, most perfect kind of love.
= is genuine _____ and interest.
= expressed specifically by God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Phileo = the natural _____ affection, with its strong feeling, or sentiment
= _____ type love

- _____ definition/description of love—I _____ 13:4-8

I. Biblical Love defines you because of _____ you love.

A. You have a deep love for _____.

(Duet 6:4-5; Matt 22:36-38)

B. You have a sacrificial love for _____

1. For your _____ in Christ (I Jn 3:10; 4:21)

2. For _____ (Matt 22:36-39; Mk 12:29-31)

3. For your _____ (Matt 5:43, 44; Luke 6:27; Luke 6:35)

C. You have a _____ love for _____ (Mk 12:29-31)

II. Biblical Love defines you because of _____ you _____ to love.

(Phil 1:9-11 Love guided by _____ and judgment)

A. Biblical Love hates _____ (Psalm 97:10)

B. Biblical Love does not love the world's sinful _____

(I Jn 2:15-17; Jas 4:4)

III. Biblical Love defines you because you _____ love.

A. Because you have tasted the benefits of _____ love for you

(I Jn 3:16; 4:10-11, 19)

B. Through the _____ of the indwelling _____

(I Jn 4:12-13; Gal 5:22-23)

C. Through Spiritual _____ (I Tim 1:5)

1. A _____ Heart

= A heart that is free and clean from the impurities of sin

2. A Good _____

= A _____ that is clear and unhindered by _____ failure

3. An Unfeigned _____

= A lifestyle of _____, unhypocritical _____

D. Because you can love _____ (I Jn 3:18)

So what?

Why a lack of love?

1. You are not _____ (I Jn 2:9; 4:8)

2. You are not _____ the clear commands of God's Word

3. You are not _____ in the Spirit

Will you love as Christ loved you?

True Biblical Love is a (and possibly the) defining mark of a believer!