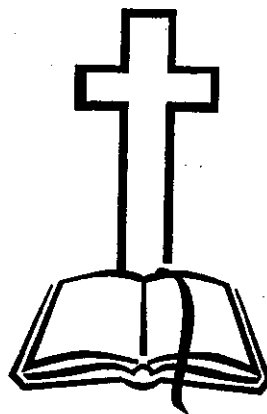


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Agape Outreach Team

*Loving others
through the
Heart of Jesus*



Matthew 22:37-41

Agape (ah-gah-pay) Greek word translated as “love”. Biblical authors have this word to represent divine, unconditional, self-sacrificing, active, volitional, and thoughtful love. Early Christians referred to it as the self-sacrificing love of God for humanity and they committed to reciprocate and practice this love towards God and one another.

In the New Testament we find there are numbers of definitions and examples of “agape” that generally expand on the meanings derived from ancient texts denoting brotherly love, love of one’s spouse or children and the love of God for all people.

In Matthew 22:37-41 we find the response given by Jesus concerning the greatest commandment— “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments

How does one obtain “Agape” love?

You cannot OBTAIN this love by yourself since this love can only be GIVEN. For this love is always moving and is ONLY Agape if it is being freely passed to another person.

Do you possess “Agape Love?”

Here are some check points. You must really desire a love this strong. You must be humbled by it. You must look out for what’s in the best interest of friends and enemies. Placing their needs above your own. What is so amazing about this type of love is that as you are loving an enemy, they can become a friend! This love go on through rain, snow and dark of night. Aristotle said, “we are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.” So to have this love you must make it a part of yourself, and make it a habit to always look out for others.

God is the only source of Agape Love and only through Him can we pass this love to others.

The focus and desire of the “Agape Outreach” Team is to tap into the “Agape” resources in the hearts of our church family and develop a visitation and help service for our senior members, the sick and shut-in and those in need.

The Team Members are NOT an elect group, but are only those who have Agape Love and will volunteer to work with us in this efforts. If we organize, we can reach more people and provide better coverage of our congregation.

Your participation and prayers are essential to the success of this effort.

If you are truly interested in the Agape Outreach in our church family, please contact on of the names listed below.

In God’s Love.

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“Agape in Action”

Ministering to our “Church Family”

As the “Church of God” we believe that the church IS the body of believers and that WE are the body of Christ. We have a Christian duty to love one another “Agape” as Jesus loves us. It is our intention to share this love with our senior family members, those that are sick and shut-in and need help.

We trust you will explore

the possibilities of this

ministry and join our

team in action.