



3. Stay away from _____,

(Romans 1:32) "who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."

4. Make sure it's a _____ relationship,

5. Build your relationship with _____, Ephesians 1:17-20, 3:14-17

(Philippians 3:10) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"

6. Learn _____, Ephesians 6:12-18

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."



Central Mountains Baptist Church

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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

What Is Real Love? by Bill Crowder

Everyone is looking for love. But what is the love we all want and need? What does real love look like? How will we know when we've found it?

Some think of "being in love" as a feeling that we "fall in and out of." But in its timeless wisdom, the Bible gives us a more meaningful and enduring approach to life.

If we had lived in the days of the apostle Paul, the Greek language would have helped us clarify the kind of "love" we were looking for. The Greek word *eros* was a term used to describe romantic love. *Phileo* represented the brotherly love of family or friendship. Then there was *agape*, a word that described love in its most profound and pure form.

Since Paul chose the word *agape* for his description of love in 1 Corinthians 13, he apparently wanted us to see that it is the highest kind of divine love which gives lasting meaning to all other expressions of love.

Real Love "Suffers Long." It is patient. The Greek word meant "long tempered." This means that real love does not retaliate or seek to get even.

Real Love "Is Kind." If we keep in mind that the purpose of real love is to seek the welfare of the one loved, we see why real love must not only be patient but gracious.

Real Love "Does Not Envy." Real love says, "I can be happy for you, even if I never achieve the accomplishments or comforts that you are enjoying. While I might wish myself more, I could not wish you less."

Real Love "Does Not Parade Itself." Love does not brag about its accomplishments. It is not given to self-display, not even to carefully worded statements of subtle self-promotion.

Real Love "Does Not Behave Rudely." First Corinthians 13 reminds us that the honorable nature of real love will never make inappropriate demands of others. Real love seeks the best for the one loved--not the personal gain, pleasure, or control that manipulation is often designed to achieve.

Real Love "Does Not Seek Its Own." This is the person whose focus is outward, not inward. It describes the heart that is not so consumed with its own interests that it cannot show concern for the needs and interests of others.

When we consider the different elements of this lofty love, it becomes clear why *agape* love is real love--the love we all want and need.

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Love-Staying in Love

The Bible describes 5 aspects of love, to live, for a satisfying life and a sweet marriage:

1. Agape love,

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; {6} does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; {7} bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. {8} Love never fails. ..."

2. Phileo love,

3. Storge love,

4. _____ love,

(Genesis 24:67) "Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. ..."

(Genesis 29:18) "Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.""



(Ruth 2:19-20) "And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." {20} Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.""

(Ruth 3:10) "Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich."

(Song of Songs 5:16) "... This is my beloved, And this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!

(Song of Songs 1:7) "Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed your flock, Where you make it rest at noon. For why should I be as one who veils herself By the flocks of your companions? "

(Song of Songs 2:4-5) "He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love."



{5} Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick."

(Song of Songs 2:10) "My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away."

(Song of Songs 2:14) ""O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret places of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely." "

(Song of Songs 3:1) "By night on my bed I sought the one I love; ..."

(Song of Songs 2:16) "My beloved is mine, and I am his. He feeds his flock among the lilies."

(Song of Songs 4:9-10) "You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse; You have ravished my heart With one look of your eyes, With one link of your necklace. {10} How fair is your love, My sister, my spouse! How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices!"

(Song of Songs 8:6-7) "Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame. {7} Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised."



5. Epithumia, Ephesians 2:2-3, 4:17-19,

(Luke 22:15) "Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have **desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;"

(Matthew 5:28) ""But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to **lust** for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

(Song of Songs 2:6) "His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me."

(Song of Songs 2:7) I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases."

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(Song of Songs 5:1) "... Eat, O friends! Drink, yes, drink deeply, O beloved ones! "

(1 Corinthians 7:9) "... For it is better to marry than to burn with passion."

(1 Thessalonians 4:3-5) "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; {4} that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, {5} not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;"



How to wait for God's time without burning with passion:

1. Don't listen to _____, Ephesians 5:3-4

2. Wear _____ clothing,

(1 Timothy 2:9) "in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, ..."

