

The Greatness of Love



I CORINTHIANS 13

The Necessity of Love



4 Biblical Kinds of Love

- 1) storge - affection (family)**
- 2) eros – romantic, sensual**
- 3) philia – brotherly/friendship**
- 4) agape – self giving/sacrificial**

God's Love Is Necessary



“God is love” I John 4:16

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love”
Galatians 5:22**

“For God so loved ...” John 3:16

**“In this is love, not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and gave His
Son to be the propitiation for our
sins” I John 4:10**

Life Question



**How is God's love (agape love)
necessary for the church
to move forward?**

God's Love Is Necessary ...



- **For the Message v.1**
- **To Minister v.2a**
- **For Meaning v.2b**

God's Love Is Necessary ...



- **For Spiritual Movement v.2c**
- **For Mercy v.3a**
- **For Martyrdom v.3b**

A Lack of Love ...



- **Produces Nothing v.1**
“a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal”
- **Is Nothing v.2**
“I am nothing”
- **Gains Nothing v.3**
“It profits me nothing”

Applications



- 1. Ask God to increase your love.**
- 2. Share God's love.**
- 3. Pray before you give, serve, share, etc.**
- 4. Focus on Who God is rather what He can/will do.**