

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

ALL YOU NEED (H)IS LOVE

"Agape Love" | March 2, 2025

Scripture Passages: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, John 3:16, Romans 5:8

Intro

Agape love is the highest form of love—a selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love that reflects God's nature.

- How does Agape love differ from other forms of love?
- Have you ever experienced a love that expected nothing in return?

Study and Reflection

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV): "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Agape love is not based on feelings or circumstances but on a commitment to love others as God loves us.

Key Aspects of Agape Love:

1. Agape Love Is Unconditional

- John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."
- God's love does not depend on our actions or worthiness.
- Reflection: How can you show unconditional love to someone this week

2. Agape Love Is Sacrificial

- Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- True love gives without expecting anything in return.
- Reflection: What is one way you can sacrificially love someone in your life?

3. Agape Love Seeks the Best for Others

- 1 John 4:7: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."
- Agape love forgives, builds up, and extends grace even when it's difficult.
- Reflection: Is there someone you need to forgive and love selflessly?

Application

We are called to reflect Agape love in our relationships, our church, and our community.

- Love with no conditions
- Give selflessly
- Extend grace and forgiveness

Group Discussion Questions:

1. How does Agape love challenge the way we typically view love?
2. Can you share a time when you received or gave unconditional love?
3. What are some obstacles to loving others selflessly?
4. How can we better reflect God's love in our daily lives?

Reflection and Prayer

- Thank God for His unconditional love.
- Ask for the strength to love as He loves.
- Pray for opportunities to show Agape love to those around you.

Resources for Further Study:

- *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Love Dare* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan
- *Love Walked Among Us* by Paul E. Miller