

Authentic Christian Love...Who do you Love?

What do "Christian love" really mean? Is it a warm fuzzy feeling?

3 type of love mentioned in the Bible:

1. **Eros** - That love between man and woman was called eros by the ancient Greeks. In Greek mythology, Eros was the Greek god of love.
2. **Philia** - the love of friendship - brotherly love
3. **Agape** - means love: esp. compassion, forgiveness, charity; the love of God for man and of man for God.



Let's search the scriptures; Jesus said John 13:35

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John, explained, in 1 John 3:14

14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that **loveth not** his brother abideth in **death**.

And, 1 John 5:2-3 you will find

2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

The Biblical definition for love is found in Matthew 7:12

12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Christian Love - Selfless & Giving Love

Christian love is giving to others those things that you would want them to give you if you were in their situation -- and it's doing so even if they can't pay you back. In fact, it's doing so especially if they can't pay you back! Christian love is respect for others. It's mercy. It's charity.

God's Love is unselfish and unconditional. Now we know what is meant by Christian love. Now we know what to strive for...

Christian Love is not a feeling it is a Lifestyle