

Love Sums It All Up!

Game Plan 2016: Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!

Pt. 5

2 Peter 1:5-9

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2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

The Bible Says:

Agape Love is used 115 times in the New Testament. Agape may involve emotions, but it always involves action. Agape is unrestricted, unconditional, sacrificial love.

- **God Is Agape Love**

1 John 4:8, *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

- **Agape Love Is Active Love**

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

- **Agape Love Is Our Best Witness**

John 13:34, *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”*

- **Agape Love Is Multifaceted**

1 Corinthians 13:4, *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails... ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

“For Better Or For Worse!”

Ephesians 5:33, *However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

4 Ways Agape Love Is Applied In Our Relationships:

- 1) **Hard Work And Total COMMITMENT**

Mark 10:6, *“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”*

- 2) **Weather The STORMS**

1 Corinthians 7:28, *But if you do marry, you have not sinned... But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.*

- 3) **Clear And Caring COMMUNICATION**

Colossians 4:6, *Let your conversation be always full of grace...*

Colossians 3:19, *Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

Proverbs 21:9, *It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman.*

4) **Keep A Good Sense Of HUMOR**

Proverbs 17:22, *A cheerful heart is good medicine...*

Proverbs 15:15, *...the cheerful heart has a continual feast.*

Next Steps:

Make a date night and help support our youth. Purchase tickets to the David Magee, Master of the Mind Event, tonight at 6:30p. Purchase tickets online or at the Church Office.