

ANCIENT WORDS

Love

Words Matter and God's Word Matters Most

- **“Love” The most overused word in the English language. From “I love popcorn” to “I love God”**
- **The Greeks had 4 words for “Love”**
 - A. Eros - Physical Love
 - B. Storge - Family affection
 - C. Philia - Used often to refer to human love
 - D. Agape- Used 120 times in the New Testament. It's meaning is selfless love. It seeks the highest good for others and most often God's love for us
- **1 Corinthians 13: The “love chapter” of the Bible**
 - A. Verses 1-3 - The importance of love.
 - B. Verses 4-6 – Two positives, then eight negatives
 - C. Verse – Five positives: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
 - D. Verses 8-10 – Love never ends.
 - E. Verse 11 – Keep maturing.
 - F. Verse 12 – We don't have the full picture yet.
 - G. Verse 13 – The greatest is Love.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.