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Love Is ... Love Is Not

1 Corinthians 13:4

All you need is Love – but which type?

Agápe:

- The love of God for man and of man for a good God. Agape is used in ancient texts to denote feelings for one's children and the feelings for a spouse, and it was also used to refer to a love feast. Agape is used by Christians to express the unconditional love of God for his children. This type of love was further explained by Thomas Aquinas as "to will the good of another."

Éros:

- "Love, mostly of the sexual passion." The Modern Greek word "erotas" means "intimate love". Although eros is initially felt for a person, with contemplation it becomes an appreciation of the beauty within that person, or even becomes appreciation of beauty itself.

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Philia:

- "Affectionate regard, friendship." Philia is expressed variously as loyalty to friends (specifically, "brotherly love"), family, and community, and requires virtue, equality, and familiarity, family, between friends, a desire or enjoyment of an activity, as well as between lovers.

Xenia:

- "Guest-friendship" is the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, the generosity and courtesy shown to those who are far from home and/or associates of the person bestowing guest-friendship

Koinonia:

- This is a slightly, but only slightly, more modern word. It means Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians.

"What do you think
success is?" asked the boy



"To love," said the
mole

“Love is patient, love is kind,
it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not
proud.”

1 Corinthians 13:4



“Love is great-hearted, love is kind,
knows no jealousy, makes no fuss, is not puffed up.”

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“... what Paul has in mind is something which, though like our other loves in some ways, goes as far beyond them, as sunlight is to candles or electric light.”

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1 Corinthians 14:4

Love is patient

Love is kind

“But the Fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Galatians 5:22-24



Love is kind

“The world says get what you can, can what you get, and sit on the can so no one else can get it!”

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Love is patient

Love is kind

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Ephesians 5:21



1 Corinthians 14:4

it [Love] does not envy

“You shall not covet [*Envy*] your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

Exodus 20:17,



1 Corinthians 14:4

It [Love] does not boast

It [Love] is not proud



“Perhaps the best thing to do with a passage like this is to take it slowly, a line at a time, and to reflect on at least three things: first, ways in which we see this quality in Jesus Himself; second, ways in which we see it (or more likely, alas, don’t see it) in ourselves; and third, ways in which, if we were like that, it would work out in practice.”

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Next steps

- Read and slowly meditate on each of the five attributes of love in verse 4
- As you do that for each one, slowly in turn, apply Tom Wright's suggestion and think about:
 - How we see this quality in Jesus
 - How we see, or don't see, this quality in ourselves
 - How we can make changes in our lives to achieve this quality
 - What changes do I need to make to live in a loving and counter cultural way?





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