

Agapē Love

In the New Testament, in the phrase “God is love”, the Greek word for love there is *agapē* or *agape* (however you wish to pronounce it). Theologians call *agapē* the God kind of love from that verse because it was the word chosen by the translators from the Hebrew to match whatever the Hebrew word for love was. *Agapē* is known as 'sacrificial love', 'giving love', or 'selfless love'. So many more descriptions of it, to help give us its full meaning.

Each of us, as damaged goods – human beings that have been hurt from the womb up to today – need this *agapē*. We will not find healing for our hurts if we look to people or things for healing. History has shown that if you chase power, money, goods and people's love, it does not satisfy you. That's why King Solomon was able to write his negative works which are recorded in the Old Testament. He got to the place at the end of his life where, having everything, he was still empty. We are like that. Something inside of us knows that we need love. Every single human being chases love – it becomes like a drug – because we know that love heals and covers over the hurts that we have. But we keep searching for that love-need in the wrong places.

The movie “The Shack”, which is an allegory, aptly demonstrates that hurt and pain are dealt with when we come into an experience of Father's love and embrace it, and allow his *agapē* to wash us over like a waterfall. But it takes time to learn to constantly bathe in Father's *agapē* so that it deals with our pain.

From my experience, believers don't need to go to prayer lines, we don't need to go back week after week looking for people to pray for us to be delivered from our pain and hurt. As shown in “The Shack”, my experience has been to discover that Father's *agapē* is so big you can't contain it. We need to allow it to wash away all the pain and the hurt and the rubbish that's in our lives. As you do that, he'll gently point to things that are out of line with him. He'll show you the lies that you believe that cause the pain to remain. And as you surrender to him and His love, he deals with the pain and he deals with the hurt, replacing it with his love. But also, from relationship with him, he deals with the lies that we believe, because our pain and hurt that we carry in our 'pain tank' (as Jack Frost¹ calls it), is based on lies that we believe about people and about God.

Wholeness is found in Father's love. Wholeness is found in the passionate love that our Bridegroom King has for us. That's where we've got to find it, and that's where we've got to draw on it and allow it to heal us over time.

This is why intimacy with God is not a waste of time. If you really go deep into intimacy, Father will pour His love into you, if you allow him. In that relationship of intimacy, his *agapē* will do the work that it was created to do. Spending time getting into an intimate relationship and moving higher into oneness really has rewards that cannot be described, but have to be experienced. Like being baptised in the Holy Spirit and like being born again, experiencing Father's love so that it meets that love-need inside of us is something that every person has to chase.

Be aware that our wrong theologies, our wrong concept of God, and fostering our hurts block us from being in the right relationship with him to experience his *agapē*. There barriers need to come down.

Aahh, his love is wonderful. I can't commend it enough to you all.

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