

# The Origin of 'Agapē'

I was taught that *agapē* was a new Greek word that the first Christians invented to describe God's love. This is not so. It was an existing Greek word that was coined by the first believers to describe the love of God.

Read this explanation from Wikipedia:

*“Agape (Ancient Greek ἀγάπη, agápē) is a Greco-Christian term referring to "love; the highest form of love, charity", and "the love of God for man and of man for God". Not be confused with philia, brotherly love, it embraces a universal, unconditional love that transcends, that persists regardless of circumstance. The noun form first occurs in the Septuagint, but the verb form goes as far back as Homer,<sup>1</sup> translated literally as affection, as in "greet with affection" and "show affection for the dead". Other ancient authors have used forms of the word to denote love of a spouse or family, or affection for a particular activity, in contrast to philia (an affection that could denote friendship, brotherhood, or generally non-sexual affection) and eros (an affection of a sexual nature).*

*Within Christianity, agape is considered to be the love originating from God or Christ for mankind. In the New Testament, it refers to the covenant love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God; the term necessarily extends to the love of one's fellow man. Some contemporary writers have sought to extend the use of agape into non-religious contexts.”<sup>2</sup>*

So, always be careful what you are taught by the religious system.

**REMEMBER:** In the big scheme of things, truth doesn't matter, reality does. It's not what you believe to be true, it's what is really true that's the real truth.

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1 – Somewhere around 850-1100BC (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homer#Life\_and\_legends)

2 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agape