

Culture And The Kingdom

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An 8-week Bible study in Virginia Beach on how we see love and lust, contrasting our world with God's word.

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SESSION IN PROGRESS

## Current Session Ends In

10    23    48    58

DAYS    HOURS    MINUTES    SECONDS

WHEN

**Tuesdays at 3:30 PM**An 8-week study ending **December 9, 2025**

WHERE

**Cambria at Cornerstone**

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## Next Session & Study

Here's a clue about our next topic. The title will be revealed when the session begins!

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## This Cycle

Week 1

What Are We Talking About? (Love vs Lust)

Week 2

Inputs &amp; Influences

Week 3

Awareness &amp; The Purge

Week 4

Sin Diary (Confession to Formation)

Week 5

Telling the Truth About Our Stories

Week 6

Boundaries, Bodies, and Belonging

Week 7

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## A Glimpse of the Study

Curious about the depth of our AI Study Companion? Here's a sample study on "What is Agape Love?" This is the kind of insight you can generate for any topic to deepen your personal reflection.

### Topic: What is Agape Love?

#### 1. Historical and Cultural Context

The term *agape* (ἀγάπη) is one of several Greek words for love. In the ancient world, other words like *eros* (romantic love) and *philia* (brotherly love) were more common. *Agape* was used less frequently and often carried a more general meaning of affection. However, the writers of the New Testament elevated this term, infusing it with a divine meaning. They chose *agape* to describe the unique, unconditional, and self-sacrificial love of God, distinguishing it from the conditional and often self-serving forms of love prevalent in Greco-Roman culture.

#### 2. Key Themes and Doctrines

**Unconditional Nature:** Agape is not dependent on the worthiness or actions of the recipient. It is a love that is given freely and without expectation of return. Romans 5:8 exemplifies this: "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**Sacrificial Action:** Agape is not merely a feeling; it is demonstrated through action. The ultimate expression of agape is sacrifice. As stated in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." This love involves putting the needs of others before one's own.

**Divine Origin:** The New Testament presents God as the ultimate source of agape. 1 John 4:7-8 says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God... Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." Therefore, to truly practice agape, one must be connected to its divine source.

#### 3. Cross-References

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-7:** Often called the "love chapter," this passage provides a detailed description of what agape looks like in practice: it is patient, kind, not envious, not proud, and endures all things.
- **Galatians 5:22-23:** Love (agape) is listed as the very first fruit of the Spirit, indicating its primary importance in the life of a believer.
- **Matthew 5:44:** Jesus commands his followers to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," a radical call that can only be fulfilled through agape, not natural human affection.

#### 4. Questions for Reflection

1. In what specific relationship can you practice patience and kindness (1 Corinthians 13) this week, even when it's difficult?
2. How does understanding that God loved you "while you were still a sinner" change the way you view your own worth and your capacity to love others?
3. Reflect on a time you loved someone sacrificially. How did it differ from loving someone for what you could receive in return?

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## Need Prayer?

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## Are you ready to grow?

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