

Faith, Hope, Love

Theological Virtues
1 Corinthians 13:13



Love
"binds everything
together in perfect
harmony" (Col
3:14).

we love God
above all things
and our neighbor
as ourselves..

Love

we believe in God
and believe all
that he has
revealed to us

Faith

we desire, eternal
life and the graces
to merit it.

Hope

**Three things will last forever--
faith, hope, and love--and the
greatest of these is love.**

Love Is the Greatest

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

All genuine love comes from God.

***“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God in them”***

(1 John 4:16)

Life is Sacred.

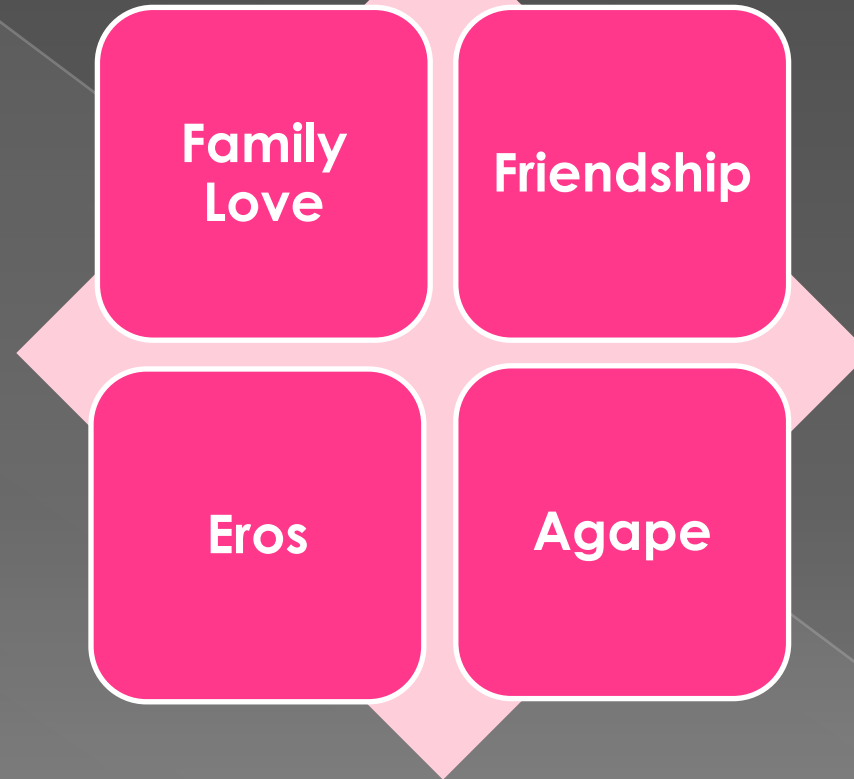
God loved us first.

We are created in His image.

We must love ourselves in order to love others.

God gives us grace to reach out beyond ourselves.

Different Kinds of Love for Different Relationships



Family Love

Love of a parent for a child, a child for a parent, spouses for each other and relatives for one another.



Friendship

Deep, tender affection which exists between friends. Friendship includes shared interests as well as mutual trust and enjoyment of one another's company.



Eros

Passionate human love which can exist between a man and a woman. Eros always seeks union and thus includes sexual love.



Agape

Conscious choice to will the good of another. It is not a feeling. This Christian love treats all with kindness no matter what they may have done to us, no matter whether we like them or they like us. This is the love that the Holy Spirit enables us to have for others.



1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **Love** does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

An expert in the law tested Jesus with this question,

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. "

And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

(Matthew 22:35-40)¹