

Let me start out by asking is there any particular lesson anyone would like us to study or discuss in the near future?

- I went to see mother Colmore today little did I know she would be used by God to encourage me.

What does love really look like [1 John 3:18](#)

A little girl was invited for dinner at the home of her first-grade friend. The vegetable was buttered broccoli and the mother asked if she liked it. "Oh, yes," the child replied politely, "I love it!"

But when the bowl of broccoli was passed, she declined to take any. The hostess said, "I thought you said you loved broccoli." The girl replied sweetly, "Oh, yes ma'am, I do, but not enough to eat it!"

What does biblical love look like? We know that our relationships in the family need to be marked by love. Husbands, especially, are to love their wives. But, wives, too, must love their husbands. Parents and children, brothers and sisters, must love one another.

But how do we know what love really looks like in everyday? [1 Corinthians 13:1-7](#)

In verses 1-3 Paul shows us the *preeminence* of love, that love is greater than all spiritual gifts because without love, gifts are means nothing.

Love is not love until it is given away. [John 11:1-5](#)

[v.3 speaks of Phileo / Philia love](#), Phileo cannot be commanded but it can be developed in relationships. Phileo is based on the qualities in another person.

Phileo love. refers to brotherly love and is most often exhibited in a close friendship. Best friends will display this generous and affectionate love for each other as each seeks to make the other happy. [1 Samuel 18:11](#), [1 John 4:16](#), [1 John 4:7](#), [John 13:35](#)

v.5 speaks of Agape love

Agape speaks of the most powerful, noblest type of love: sacrificial love. *Agape* love is more than a feeling—it is an act of the will. [Luke 10:25-37](#)

God commands us to have agape love toward everyone. This includes those whose personalities clash with ours, those who hurt us and treat us badly, and even those who are hostile toward our faith [John 3:16](#), [John 15:13](#), [Luke 6:28](#); [Matthew 5:44](#).

In time, as we follow God's example of *agape* love for our enemies, we may even begin to experience *phileo* love for some of them as we start to see them through God's eyes.