

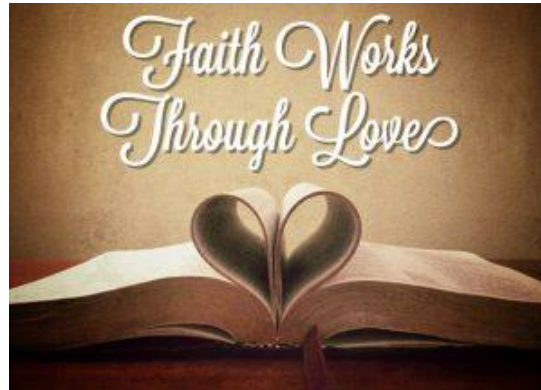
Back to the Father

Your Journey

Journey of Studies

Study on Love

Love, the Motivator - Part 6



There are many things that motivate us in life but when it comes to our relationship with our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Saints, our motivator should always be that of love.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision amounts to anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith working through love (*agapes*). WEB

- Love is the avenue that our faith is to travel through to be working properly.

Gal 5:13 For you, brothers, were called for freedom. Only don't use your freedom for gain to the flesh, but through love (*agapes*) be servants to one another. WEB

- Again through (*dia*) is used a primary preposition denoting the channel in which an act is done.

Eph 3:14-19 For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that you may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (*agape*) 18 may be strengthened to comprehend with all the

saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know Christ's love (agapen) which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
WEB

- Being rooted and grounded gives the idea of being stable and consolidated.
- In (en) is a primary preposition denoting a fixed position
- Our love needs to be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water.

Eph 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love (agape) ; 3 being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
WEB

- The way we deal with one another is to operate in the realm of love.

Eph 4:14-16 that we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; 15 but speaking truth in love (agape) , we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, Christ; 16 from whom all the body, being fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to the working in measure of each individual part, makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love (agape). WEB

- Speaking the truth is not always easy but when it is spoken it should be in love with the heart to help and not to destroy.

Col 2:1-2 For I desire to have you know how greatly I struggle for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love (agape) , and gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, WEB

- Love is the yarn that will knit us together and make us one.

Col 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and **beloved (egapemenoi)**, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do. 14 Above all these things, walk in love (agapen), which is the bond of perfection. WEB

- Walking in love is that which will lead us to perfection and will hold it together.

1 Thess 1:2-3 We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love (*agapes*) and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. WEB

- Labor done out of love seems to feel not like labor at all.

1 Thess 5:12-13 But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, 13 and to respect and honor them in love (*agape*) for their work's sake. WEB

- Those that truly work on our behalf deserve to be recognized and loved for their concern and dedication for our well being.

2 Tim 1:13 Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love (*agape*) which is in Christ Jesus. WEB

- The teaching is to be held, preached, and practiced, not as a mere schedule of conduct, however excellent, but with the strong conviction of faith and the fervor of love. Vincent's Word Studies

Philem 8-9 Therefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to command you that which is appropriate, 9 yet for love's (*agapen*) sake I rather beg, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. WEB

- Our actions should not be driven out of obligation but out of a heart of love.

1 Cor 16:13-14 Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! 14 Let all that you do be done in love (*agape*). WEB

- Our entire life should be a life motivated by love.

1 Cor 13:1-3 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, (*agapen*) I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, (*agapen*) I am nothing. 3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, (*agapen*) it profits me nothing. WEB

Without love operating in our lives what ever we do is empty and void of true purpose. God has called his children to walk with him in a relationship filled with love. So let love be the motivator in all that we do and say in sincerity of heart. Let love become part of our nature as it is of our Heavenly Father.