

JESUS ANSWERS THE

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QUESTIONS



What's my Motive?

True Worship flows from a God centred motive.

Last week looked at the Fear of
God as a motivation

Motive is the reason that makes me take action

Apostle John. The Apostle of Love.

1John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. (agape)

The Motivation of Love.

What is Love?

Principle and Relationship.

Truth and Grace,

Judgement and Mercy

Mercy triumphs over judgement but does not ignore or dismiss the truth.

James 2:13

For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy;
mercy triumphs over judgment.

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Refusal to be unkind and a balance between ...

Romans 5:3b-5

...we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, ***because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.***

Some contrasts between agape and philia are as follows: Robertson's Word Pictures of the New Testament

Philia	Agape
Natural	Learned
Emotional	Volitional
Discriminatory	Non-discriminatory
Conditional	Unconditional
Pleasure	Preciousness
Delight	Esteem
Liking	Prizing
Because of	In spite of
Fails	Never fails

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Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
2 and ***walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.***

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Phil 1:9

And this I pray, that your ***love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,*** 10 so that you may ***approve*** the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.