

Have you experienced the Holy Spirit?





"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.





Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:22-26 (NIV)





Greek words for love:

Philia (φιλία)

Storge (στοργή)

Éros (έρως)

Agape (ἀγάπη)





"If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries





and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be





burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up.





Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first,"





Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always,





Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies. But for right now, we have three things to do to lead us:





Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (MSG)





"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another.





This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

John 13:34-35(NIV)





Jesus's Love: Selflessly Understandingly Forgivingly Sacrificially





"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs





performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.





Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the





favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)





"The whole congregation of believers was united as one one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine; you can't have it."





They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy.





Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person's need."

Acts 4:32-35 (MSG)



For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?





Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and





sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with





words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's





commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.





"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.





This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son





as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.





No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

1 John 3 & 4 (NIV)





Will others know that Jesus is the true Son of God by our love?







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