

# Love

## Introduction

- love is a term used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible
  - *ahēb(v) / ahēb(v)a* – 412/425
  - *agape / apapao* – 250-261
- a very simple biblical definition of love is, \_\_\_\_\_ “  
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## Main Points: How can we recognize love?

1. through \_\_\_\_\_ -- 1John 3.16-18
  - a. this passage defines love as sacrifice and compassion
  - b. 1Corinthians 13.4-8
  - c. Love demonstrates itself through action
2. through \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 5.43-48
  - a. it's easy to love people who loves us, are good to us, and are generous, but we are called to love even the people who aren't any of those things.
  - b. Romans 5.6-8
  - c. 1Peter 3.18
3. love is revealed in our \_\_\_\_\_ – 1John 4.7-8
  - a. when we love as God loves, we are one with God
  - b. John 15.9-12
  - c. The integrity of our claim to be children of God is validated or annulled by the way love; If we are truly God's children we will be known by our love

## Conclusion

- God is love and the world will know if we are Christians by our love