

# EMPIRE OF LOVE

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# GOD IS LOVE

❖ 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.

1 John 4:7-10



# NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

- ❖ Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have founded great empires but upon what did these creations of our genius depend?
- ❖ Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love and to This day millions will die for Him.

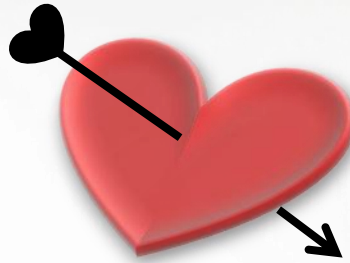




# LOVE OF SYMBOLS



*Agape*  
(Self-Sacrificing)  
(Committing to Another)



*Eros*  
(Acquisitive Affection)  
(Attaching)



*Philia*  
(Friendships)  
(Empathy)

# LOVE AS AGAPE

❖ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. **Filled with love and compassion**, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

❖ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.

Luke 15: 20-21



**God's Love:**

Constant

Patient

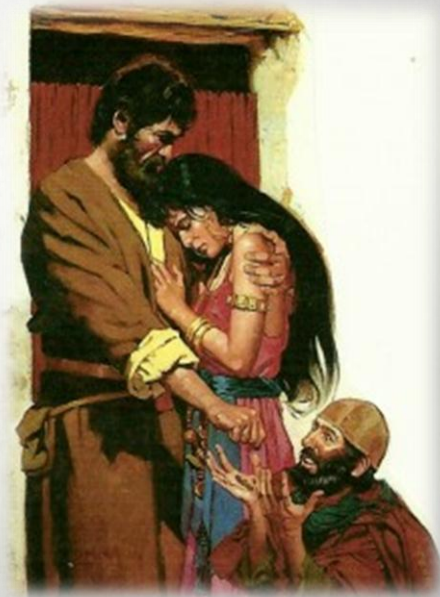
Welcoming

# LOVE AS EROS

❖ I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion.

❖ I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as the Lord.

Hosea 2:19-20



Hosea and Gomer



# LOVE AS PHILIA

❖ How I weep for you, my brother Jonathan! Oh, how much I loved you! And your love for me was deep, deeper than the love of women!

❖ Oh, how the mighty heroes have fallen! Stripped of their weapons, they lie dead.

2 Samuel 1:26-27



**David and Jonathan**  
Greatest Loyalty

# ADVANCING GOD'S LOVE

❖ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

❖ No power in the sky above or in the earth below indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



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