

Part 1 What is the Biblical Definition of Love?

1. What are words used for love in the Bible?

Ahav H157—verb, used 212 times
Ahavah H160—noun, used 39 times
Agapeo G25—verb, used 142 times
Agape G26—noun, used 116 times
Phileo G5368—verb, used 25 times

2. What is love according to 1 Corinthians 13 (agape appears 9 times)?

<i>Suffers long</i>	<i>makrothymeo (mahk-roth-oo-MAY-oh) G3114</i> , to persevere patiently and bravely, enduring misfortunes and troubles
<i>Is kind</i>	<i>chresteuomai (chrays-TOO-uh-my) G5541</i> , to show oneself mild or show kindness
Does not <i>envy</i>	<i>zeloo (zay-LAH-oh) G2206</i> , to be jealous
Does not <i>parade itself</i>	<i>perpereuomai (pair-pair-OO-uh-my) G4068</i> , to boast oneself
Is not <i>puffed up</i>	<i>physioo (foo-see-AH-oh) G5448</i> , to be lofty or proud
Does not <i>behave rudely</i>	<i>aschemoneo (as-kay-mon-AY-oh) G807</i> , to act unbecomingly, unseemly, or uncomely
Does not <i>seek its own</i>	<i>zeteo (zay-TAY-oh) G2212</i> , to aim at or strive for
Is not <i>provoked</i>	<i>paroxyno (par-ox-OO-no) G3947</i> , to irritate or rouse to anger
Does not <i>think evil</i>	<i>kakos (kak-OS) G2256</i> , base, wrong, not such as ought to be
Does not <i>rejoice in iniquity</i>	<i>adikia (ad-ee-KEY-uh) G93</i> , unrighteousness of heart
<i>Rejoices in truth</i>	<i>aletheia (uh-LAYTH-ay-uh) G225</i> , that which is of divine origin
<i>Bears</i> all things	<i>stego (STEG-oh) G4722</i> , hides and excuses the errors and faults of others, to endure
<i>Believes</i> all things	<i>pisteuo (pis-TOO-oh) G4100</i> , has faith in that which is not a lie (all of God's Word)
<i>Hopes</i> all things	<i>elpizo (el-PEAD-zo) G1679</i> , to wait for salvation with joy and full of confidence
<i>Endures</i> all things	<i>hypomeno (hoop-uh-MEN-oh) G5278</i> , bear bravely and calmly (especially chastening)
Love never <i>fails</i>	<i>ekpipto (ek-PIP-to) G1601</i> , fall powerless, fall to the ground, no effect

3. What are the greatest commandments in the Torah?

Matthew 22:34-40 and **Mark 12:29-31** (*Agapeo*)—Comes from **Deuteronomy 6:5** and **Leviticus 19:18** (*Ahav*)

a. Love the LORD with all your heart.	
1 John 5:1-3	Read v.1-3; We show our love for God by keeping His commandments (<i>Agapeo</i> —v.1 (x2), v.2 (x2); <i>Agape</i> —v.3).
John 14:15, 21, 23-24	Read v.15-24; Loving God involves keeping His commandments (<i>Agapeo</i> —v.15, v.21 (x3), v.23 (x2), v.24). 2 John 1:5-6 (<i>Agapeo</i> —v.5; <i>Agape</i> —v.6)
Exodus 20:6	Read v.4-6; Deuteronomy 5:10, 7:9; Nehemiah 1:5; Daniel 9:4 (<i>Ahav</i> —all instances)
Deuteronomy 10:12, 15, 18-19	Read v. 12-22; (<i>Ahav</i> —all instances); Faith and love connection (<i>Agape</i> —all instances): Galatians 5:6, 22; Ephesians 3:17, 19; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:22
Deuteronomy 11:1, 13, 22	Read v.1, 13-17, 22-25; Rewards for loving and serving God (<i>Ahav</i> —all instances)
Deuteronomy 13:3	Read v.1-4; If you have chosen God, you will not serve other gods (<i>Ahav</i>).
Deuteronomy 30:6, 16, 20	Read v.1-6, 15-20; This will occur in the end of days (<i>Ahav</i> —all instances).
Joshua 22:5	Read v.4-5 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Genesis 22:2	Read v.2 & 12; The key is v. 12. Abraham's love for Issac is due to his love for God (<i>Ahav</i>); "Now I know" is "Now I knew".
Judges 5:31	Connects to Daniel 12:3 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Psalms 69:36	Read v.34-36; Those who love His name will dwell in Zion (<i>Ahav</i>).

Psalm 119:47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167	The love for His commandments stems from our love for Him (<i>Ahav—all instances</i>).
Proverbs 8:17	Read v.12 & 17; Those who love God (and wisdom) will diligently seek Him— Hebrews 11:6 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Luke 11:42	Parallel to Matthew 23:23 (<i>Agape</i>)
1 Corinthians 2:9	Read v.6-12; We can't truly know the ways of God unless we have the Spirit of God; Parallel to Isaiah 64:4 (<i>Agapeo</i>)
1 Corinthians 8:3	Read v.1-3; What does it mean to "know God" (<i>Agapeo</i>)? John 17:3 and John 2:3-6 (<i>Agape</i>)

b. Love your neighbor as yourself.	
Matthew 5:43-44, 46	Read v.43-48; Love (command) your enemies (<i>Agapeo—v.43-44</i>). ***See section about "hate"
Leviticus 19:34	Read v.33-34; The strangers were to be treated fairly because the children of Israel were strangers mistreated in Egypt. In other words, treat others how you would want to be treated (<i>Ahav</i>).
Ruth 4:15	Read v.14-15; Ruth treated Naomi with unconditional love (<i>Ahav</i>).
Psalm 109:4-5	Read v.1-5; Kindness to others is not always repaid (<i>Ahavah—v.4-5</i>).
Proverbs 13:24	Discipline is a way to show love to a child because it shows them how they should behave (<i>Ahav</i>).
Matthew 24:12	The lack of love towards others is due to lawlessness (<i>Agape</i>).
John 13:34-35	(v.34- <i>Agapeo</i> x3) The lack of love (<i>Agape</i>) for neighbor was consistently discussed during Yeshua's earthly ministry— Matthew 19:19 (<i>Agapeo</i>) (connects to 1 John 5:2); Luke 10:27 (<i>Agapeo</i>); John 15:9 (<i>Agapeo & Agape</i>), 10 (<i>Agape—x2</i>), 12 (<i>Agapeo—x2</i>), 13 (<i>Agape</i>)
Romans 13:8-10	This is not an exhaustive list of commandments (v.8— <i>Agapeo</i> (x2); v.9— <i>Agapeo</i> ; v.10— <i>Agape</i> (x2)).
Romans 14:15	Read v.14-18; Even if something is permissible by God's commandments, it is more loving to forgo certain things to not offend a brother (<i>Agape</i>).— Galatians 5:14
James 2:5, 8	Read all of chapter 2 (<i>Agapeo—all instances</i>).
1 Peter 4:8	Read v.7-8; Parallel to Proverbs 10:12 (<i>Agape, Ahavah</i>)
1 John 3:10, 11, 14, 18, 23; 4:20-21	Read 3:10-23, 4:20-21; Our love for others shows our hearts (<i>Agapeo—all instances</i>). Parallels Matthew 22:37-40

4. How does God show us love?

Deuteronomy 4:37	Read v.32-40 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Psalm 11:7	Read v.5-7; "test"— <i>bachan H974</i> , to test the purity of metals, test integrity of one's faith (<i>Ahav—all instances</i>)
Psalm 31:23	"Faithful"— <i>emunim</i> , from <i>aman 539</i> (<i>Ahav</i>)
Psalm 37:28	Read v.27-29 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Psalm 97:10	Read v.10-12 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Psalm 146:8	Read v.5-9 (<i>Ahav</i>)
Proverbs 3:12	Read v.11-12; Parallel to Hebrews 12:5-11 (<i>Ahav, Agapeo</i>)
Proverbs 15:9	"Follows"— <i>radaph H7291</i> , to pursue with diligence (<i>Ahav</i>); Hebrews 11:6
John 3:16	Read 14-17; "Believes" is a present participle, or continuous, ongoing action (<i>Agapeo—all instances</i>).
Romans 5:8	Read v.7-10; Messiah died for our sins, even though our sins separated us from God (<i>Agape</i>).

Hebrews 1:9	Read v.8-9; God loves righteousness; parallel to Psalm 45:6-7 (<i>Agapeo, Ahav</i>)
1 Peter 3:10-12	Parallel to Psalm 34:12-16 (<i>Agapeo, Ahav</i>)
1 John 4:7-12; 16-19	Read v.7-19; (v.7— <i>Agapeo (x2), Agape</i> ; v.8— <i>Agapeo, Agape</i> ; v.9— <i>Agape</i> ; v.10— <i>Agape, Agapeo (x2)</i> ; v.11— <i>Agapeo (x2)</i> ; v.12— <i>Agapeo, Agape</i> ; v.16— <i>Agape (x3)</i> ; v.17— <i>Agape</i> ; v.18— <i>Agape</i> ; v.19— <i>Agapeo (x2)</i>)—Aligns with John 3:16 and Romans 5:8

5. Conclusion

Mark 7:17-23; Ephesians 5:2 (*Agape, Agapeo*)—What dictates your actions? Is it love?

***Bible Hub on *sane H8130*—**Usage:** The Hebrew verb "sane" primarily conveys a strong aversion or intense dislike. It is often used to describe personal enmity or hostility between individuals or groups. In the context of the Hebrew Bible, "sane" can refer to both human emotions and divine attitudes. It is used to express the rejection of evil, idolatry, and unrighteousness, as well as interpersonal conflicts and animosities.

Cultural and Historical Background: In ancient Israelite culture, the concept of "hate" was not merely an emotional response but often involved actions and decisions that reflected one's values and allegiances. The Hebrew Bible frequently contrasts love and hate to illustrate the choices between following God's commandments and pursuing idolatry or sin. The covenantal relationship between God and Israel emphasized love for God and rejection of anything contrary to His will.