



## Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 4 – Love Came Down  
December 6, 2020

### Isaiah 57:15

*15 For this is what the high and exalted One says—  
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:  
“I live in a high and holy place,  
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

*“God does not exist for the happiness of man.  
Man exists for the holiness and glory of God.”*  
Alan Davis

*“God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as His instruments and performs His wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness, He loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.”*  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Agape is a Greek word for God’s perfect, unconditional love.**

The highest form of love – it is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.  
A perfect love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity.

Agape love is defined as: The love of God for man. A love originating from God for mankind.

It is directional...from God to us.

*“Holiness is not something we do or attain; it is the communication of the divine life, the inbreathing of the divine nature; the power of the divine presence resting on us.”*  
Andrew Murray

**Agape love means God is willing to come down to where we are.**

**God’s agape love is the prescription for an ailing heart.**

**A love like God’s requires a response.**

**Our lowliness does not annoy God. On the contrary, He is moved by it.**

**God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**



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Contrite: feeling or expressing remorse or penitence; affected by guilt. An awareness of two things: Our own brokenness and our need for God.

#### **God's agape love should draw us to repentance!**

#### **Romans 2:4**

*4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

*"Only when we understand the holiness of God will we understand the depth of our sin."*

Billy Graham

*"To preach love apart from God's holiness is to teach something other than God's love. No awakening or revival in the church has ever occurred apart from strong preaching of God's holiness and the corresponding call for believers to forsake sin and return to the Lord's standards of purity and righteousness."*

John MacArthur

#### **Psalm 51:17**

*17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.*

