

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18] may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Why is Agápē Used Here for Love?

Agápē is the highest form of love in Greek, referring to God's unconditional, self-giving love that is not based on emotions or personal gain.

Paul prays that believers will be rooted and grounded in agápē, meaning they are firmly established in God's love.

This love is immeasurable (wide, long, high, deep) and surpasses human understanding. Paul's prayer emphasizes experiencing the fullness of God's love (agápē), which is limitless and transformative. It's not just about knowing God's love intellectually but being completely filled and changed by it.

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Love Wide – Inclusive and Unconditional

Extends to everyone, regardless of background, status, or sin.

Reflects Jesus' command to love our neighbors, enemies, and the lost (Luke 6:27).

Love without limits, embracing people with grace and compassion.



Love Long – Enduring and Faithful

Stays committed through time, trials, and changes. Reflects God's everlasting love that never gives up (Jeremiah 31:3).

Love that forgives, remains steadfast, and perseveres through hardships.



Love High – God-Centered and Elevating

Keeps its focus on holiness, worship, and honoring God.

Reflects Christ's call to set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:2).

Love that lifts others up, encourages, and leads them toward Christ.



Love Deep – Sacrificial and Transformational

Goes beyond surface-level relationships to truly know, heal, and redeem.

Reflects Christ's love that reaches into our brokenness (Romans 5:8).

Love that sacrifices, forgives, and commits fully, no matter the cost.

These four levels of love reflect the fullness of God's love in Ephesians 3:18-19, calling us to love in a way that is limitless, enduring, holy, and life-changing. When we love wide, long, high, and deep, we love as Jesus loves—completely and powerfully.