

**The Greatest of These is Love
Grace Fruit—Jesus Living in Me—Part 1
Galatians 5:22
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Spiritual Fruit is the _____ expression of an _____ nature.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” --Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

So, “What is love?”

I’m going to answer that question with three life-changing truths from the Bible:

I. Love is the first-fruit that _____ the other fruit

There are four different Greek words for love:

- (1) Eros is _____ attraction
- (2) Storge is _____ affection
- (3) Phileo is _____ love
- (4) Agape is _____ love

Jesus said, “Greater love (agape) has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”--John 15:13 (NIV)

“God so loved the world (agape) that He gave His one and only Son.”--John 3:16 (NIV)

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

--Colossians 3:12, 14 (NIV)

II. You can’t love others until you _____ how very much God loves you

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

--1 John 3:1 (NIV)

Paul’s prayer for the Christians in Ephesus was that they would “grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.”

--Ephesians 3:18-19 (NIV)

III. The only way to love anyone is to let Jesus love them

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God...No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.”

--1 John 4:7, 12-14 (NIV)

NEXT SUNDAY: “JOY is a Choice—Not a Feeling”: Galatians 5:22-23 (Do you have these verses memorized yet?)