

Emotions

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	Mind	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
Power of God comes through our Spirit	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

Emotions are a state of mind derived from circumstances, mood, or relationships. Having emotions is a normal part of life and provides a depth to our souls.

Emotions are neither good nor bad in themselves, but must be tempered by the Holy Spirit. (Temper = to make suitable, desirable, or free from excess by mingling with something else.)

Love is an emotion that has many different facets, applications, and issues.

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**"

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is love. The applications of love in our lives is complicated by the fact that love is not just an emotion, but also a choice. We all want to have the love that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, but what is that love?

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Question: "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – What is love?"

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Answer: Galatians 5:22-23 is one of the most beloved passages in the Bible. The “fruit of the Spirit” has also been misinterpreted as characteristics that believers should somehow manufacture in their lives. But the key to understanding these qualities is in the name. “Fruit” is the natural result of growth. And “of the Spirit” explains exactly Who causes that growth—it’s not our striving or straining, but the power of the Holy Spirit. No amount of human toil or gritty determination can produce spiritual fruit, but the Spirit’s influence in a yielded heart can work miracles. The fruit of “love” may be the best example. We cannot produce the type of love God desires without the leading and strength of the Holy Spirit.

The English word love has very broad meaning, but the Greek language was very precise. The love which the Holy Spirit manifests in believers is agape. This love is not a feeling, but a choice. It is the choice to be kind, to sacrifice, to consider another's needs greater than one's own. (Philippians 2:3) Agape is used in all of the “hard” love verses in the New Testament.

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

“For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1 John 3:11).

“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back” (Luke 6:35).

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).

It is because of love that God carried out His plan to save the world: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”** (John 3:16). It is only by love that we can keep the greatest commandments: **“Love the Lord your God”** and **“love your neighbor as yourself”** (Mark 12:31-31).

Love is the greatest gift God can give. First Corinthians 13 says that agape is patient. Agape is kind. Agape never fails. God desires to show His perfect, selfless love to a world that is routinely confused about what true love is. God’s children are the conduits of His love, as they are empowered by the Holy Spirit.