

A Conversation of Love

Peter said, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said, "Feed My sheep." ~ John 21:17

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Introduction

Love Defined

Phileo: Refers to esteem and tender affection reflected in the loving concern friends have for one another

Agape: Attitude of God toward His Son. The God-kind of love (unconditional): Motivated by the Spirit of God to love others expecting nothing in return.

Scripture Reading: John 21: 1-17

Messiah Jesus Demonstrates His Love The Good Shepherd; Tax Collector; Parable of Prodigal Son; Mary and Martha; Peter

Mary & Martha; Bethany (short distance from Jerusalem) ~Luke 10:38-42

Two Different Personalities: Both are essential to family relationships; Messiah showed Martha loving concern because she is distraught. He wants her to see what is most important: To worship Him. What we do **WITH** Christ is far more important than what we do **FOR** Christ.

Messiah appreciated Mary's worship of Him. Mary chose the "good part." Time spent with the Lord has ramifications for eternity.

Peter's Story

The Setting: Mount of Olives; Garden of Gethsemane; St. Peter in Gallieante; The House of Caiaphas; The Garden Tomb; Franciscan Church in Tabgha on Sea of Galilee

The Story and Conversation

- The Lord Jesus prayed for Peter. ~Luke 22:32
- Peter is not forgotten and the Lord Jesus' demonstrates love and concern for him. ~Mark 16:4-7
- The Lord Jesus asks Peter three questions about love:

"Do you love Me more than these?"

Jesus says "agape" and Peter says "phileo."

"Do you love Me?"

Jesus says "agape," and Peter says, "phileo."

Do you love Me?"

Both Jesus and Peter use "phileo" love.

- Peter begins to understand what it means to "abide in My love." ~John 15:9

Conclusion: The Rest of the Story

God's Agape Love: "Things which angels desire to look into." ~1 Peter 1:12b

Peter's Living Hope: "If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious." ~1 Peter 2:3

For God so loved (agape) the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ~John 3:16

Next Messages: Ladies Bible Retreat: *A Conversation of Compassion (Carol: Part 1 & 2); A Conversation of Companionship (Faye); HTBC: Retreat Repeat: May 4, 2023*

A Conversation of Prayer: Carol or Faye: April 14 (DBC); April 18 (HTBC)