

## ***Zeal the Real Deal***

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### ***Differences Between Emotional Human Enthusiasm and Biblical Zeal***

#### ***Demonstrated by the Zeal of David***

Psalms 69:9; 135:1-5; 2 Sam. 7:1-2; 1 Chr. 22:1-29:19

***“And this is my prayer, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment.”***

**Philipp. 1:9**

Love in Philipp. 1:9 is referring to the believers **love for God** the believers **love for other believers** and the believers **love for unbelievers**. And the word **love** which is the translation of the Greek noun (ἀγάπη) English transliteration *agape* and the cognate verb (ἀγαπάω) English transliteration *agapao* express the following thoughts:

- I. Love for **God** expresses that which is the **Direct** work of God The Holy Spirit opening my heart to the gospel and the realization that God loves ME and gave Himself for ME and thus love is a supernaturally wrought mental and emotional state of being (cf Acts 16:14; Rm. 5:5, 8; 15:30; 1 Cor. 2:11-14; Gal. 2:20; 5:22; Eph. 2:4; 5:2, 25; Col. 1:8; 2 Thess. 2:16; 1 Jn. 3:16; 4:9-10, 16, 19; Rev. 1:5) within in the **ANIM** (apparatus of the **SHSMEV** soul, heart, spirit, mind, volition, emotion of the inner man) which fills the SHSMEV apparatus of the new inner man with:
  - A. **Deep** intense heart-felt affection for God cf Jn. 3:35; 10:17; 11:5; 13:31; Jn. 13:23, 24; Jn. 15:9, 10; 17:23, 24, 26; 19:26; 21:7,20; 2 Cor. 2:4; 11:11; 12:15; Philipp. 2:1 that stirs the entire, the whole SHSMEV cf Mt. 22:37; Mk. 12:30, 33; Lk. 10:27 to:
    1. **Decide** to choose to **Love** God (the Greek verb translated love (ἀγαπάω); English Transliteration is used in the imperative mood, the mood of command, appeals to the volition which means one must choose.
    2. Thus, to love God is a personal **Choice** cf Mt. 5:44; Lk. 6:27, 35; Eph. 5:3, 25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:15
  - B. Things we choose to do that **Indicate** and **Express** we have genuine love for God include:
    1. **Desire** God **Above All Others** and **All Things** cf Mt. 6:24; Lk. 11:43; 16:13; Jn. 3:19; 12:43; Rm. 9:13; 2 Tim. 4:10; 2 Pet. 2:15
    2. **Devote** one's self to God cf 2 Cor. 5:14 with 2 Cor. 6:1-10; 2 Cor. 11:23-33
    3. **Deny** one's self when necessary cf Mt. 10:38; 16:24; Lk. 9:23; Mk. 8:34; Rev. 12:11
    4. **Deposit** one's self at God's **Disposal**, being ever willing and ready to undertake anything God calls me to do cf Acts 9:1-15; Acts 13:1-4; Rm. 12:2; Gal. 1:15-16

5. **Depend** on Him for all things cf Gal. 5:6; Eph. 6:23; Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 1:3; 3:6; 1 Thess. 5:8; 1 Tim. 2:13
6. **Doing** what He Commanded me to do in His Word Cf Jn. 14:15, 21, 23, 31; 1 Jn. 2:5; 3:23; 5:2-3; 2 Jn. 5-6

II. Love for **Believers** is not mere general affection, but denotes the supernatural, Mental, emotional, dynamic wrought by God the Holy Spirit, which causes believers to **Intently** desire and to actively **Seek** by the power of the Holy Spirit to relate and interact with other believers based on and in accordance with God's Word; and put other believers before ourselves, and when necessary, even sacrifice our desires, needs and selves to help believers meet their real needs, be they physical, emotional or spiritual and give to, or do what is in the best interest of other believers in light of eternities values, even if it means taking from our supply or giving of ourselves (time, energy, counsel, etc.) to foster the physical, emotional, spiritual well-being of other believers, considering eternities values

- A. This love is **Supernaturally** wrought by the Holy Spirit cf Rm. 5:5; 15:30; Gal. 5:22; Col. 1:8
- B. This love is **Volitional, Mental** and **Emotional** cf Mt. 22:36-39; Mk. 12:31-33; Lk. 10:25-28; 1 Jn. 2:15; 3:17; 2 Jn. 5
- C. This love intently desires above all else for believers that which is in their **Best** interest considering eternities values cf Lk. 11:43; 16:13; Jn. 3:16; 12:43; Rm. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:1; 2 Cor. 12:15; 2 Tim. 4:10; 2 Pet. 1:15; 1 Jn. 2:25
- D. This love is to permeate the way believers **Relate** to and **Interact** with one another cf Jn. 13:35; Rm. 13:8; 2 Cor. 2:8; 8:7; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 1:5; 4:2; Col. 1:4; Philem. 5; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 6:10; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:10; 3:10-11, 14, 23; 4:8, 11, 12, 21; 2 Jn. 5
- E. This love is developed by the **Teaching** and **Keeping** of God's Word cf Jn. 14:15, 14:21, 23; 1 Tim. 1:3-5; 1 Jn. 2:5; 5:3; 2 Jn. 6
- F. This love involves **Sacrificial Giving** of self for the well-being of other believers cf Jn. 3:16; 15:13; Rm. 5:8; 14:15, 21; 15:1-3; 2 Cor. 2:4; 12:15; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2, 5:25; 1 Jn. 3:16; 4:9-10
- G. This love always has **Eternities Values** in view cf Mk. 10:21; Jn. 11:5-45; Heb. 12:6

III. Love for unbelievers is a supernaturally wrought mental, emotional, volitional dynamic within the SHSMEV of the new inner man by God the Holy Spirit which moves believers to intently desire and to actively seek by the power of the Holy Spirit to **Treat** unbelievers as we **Treat** ourselves and actively seek and do that which is in the **Best** interest of the unbeliever in light of eternities values cf Mt. 5:44; 19:19; 22:39; Mk. 12:31, 33; Lk. 6:27, 32, 35; 10:27; Rm. 13:8-10; 1 Cor. 9:21-23; 16:14; Gal. 5:14; 6:8-10; Eph. 5:22