

## Absolute Love

If absolute power corrupts absolutely, what does absolute love do?

### 3 types of love in the Bible--

1. Phileo--Philedelphia "City of Brotherly love"
2. Eros--Erotic or sexual love
3. Agape--Unconditional love

### Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-8a](#)

"Love NEVER fails"

### If we really love someone, could we EVER hate them?

- REAL love will never end
- REAL love continues in spite badness not because of goodness.
- REAL love resolves problems, not instigate nor encourage them.

### Read [Romans 8:35-39](#)

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) The "Greatest Command" [Matthew 22:38](#)

3 Parts of Love

## #1. Love God Mentally--Heart

### A. Logically

1. Real love is actually *illogical*.
2. [Romans 5:8](#) Love demonstrated while we were sinners
3. Real love is actually a DECISION.
4. At a wedding "Do you promise to love, cherish, honor?"

### B. Emotionally

1. Emotions are hard to figure.
2. Love is not an emotion!
3. Love can be emotional!--
  - a. [John 11:35](#)--Jesus wept.
  - b. [Luke 19:41](#)--Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept ..
4. "You don't love me anymore!" Songs, attitudes based on emotional
5. When bad things happen, "How can a loving God allow this?"

## #2 Love God Spiritually--Soul

### A. Love God beyond the visible, the knowable, and the touchable

1. Love God when we don't know what's happening.
2. ...why it's happening.
3. ...when we don't see Him working.

### B. Love God in faith

1. [1 Thessalonians 5:8](#)--But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
2. Faith and love go hand in hand throughout the New Testament.
3. Love that is based on faith [Eph. 6:23](#)
4. Faith that is grounded in love [Eph. 3:17](#)

## #3 Love God Physically--Strength

### A. Love God by keeping ourselves pure

1. [1 Timothy 1:5](#)--THE PURPOSE of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.
2. [1 Corinthians 6:18-20](#)
3. When two people come together, can God be in that physical relationship? Yes, and IS, in the appropriate context--Marriage!

### B. "If you love me..."

1. so called friend says, "you'll go to bed with me." -- NOT love
2. Jesus says, "You'll keep my commands"
3. God says, "You'll love one another"