

Three Greek Words for *Love*

and the Number of Times Each Is Used in the New Testament

***Eros* – a feeling of romance and sexual attraction for another (0)**

***Phileo* – a feeling of affection or liking for another especially a friend (19)**

***Agape* – a God given, God like determination to will the best for another (157)**

Matt 22:36-40 NIV 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love (agape) the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Luke 6:27-36 NIV 27 "But I tell you who hear me: Love (agape) your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

