

Conversation

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God created humanity in diversity so that this diversity, displayed in unity, would broadcast His image throughout the creation. God's image in people is human diversity living in unity.

We can celebrate our diversity but to do so, will provoke tension. The tension calls us to speak the truth in love.

The New Testament writers had four words to use to define and describe love:

- Storge - natural affection
- Philia - friendship
- Eros - sensual love
- Agape - which originally meant affection.

The Christians needed a word for the powerful love they were experiencing from God objectively and subjectively. Storge didn't cut it. Philia wasn't passionate enough. Eros was too easily confused with sex. So, they took the word for affection, agape, and redefined it.

Agape calls us to by faith, live in the growing assurance of God's love

Agape calls us to __accept people for who they are and love them in the same way God loves us._____