

Religion & Worldviews

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Is anything ever eternal?

Agape

Some Christians refer to this Godly love as agape. Agape is universal and unconditional love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God.

Agape does not depend on the familiarity of the people involved.

Agape can be said to encompass the modern concept of altruism, defined as unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

Many Christians believe that agape is the love that God shows to all people.

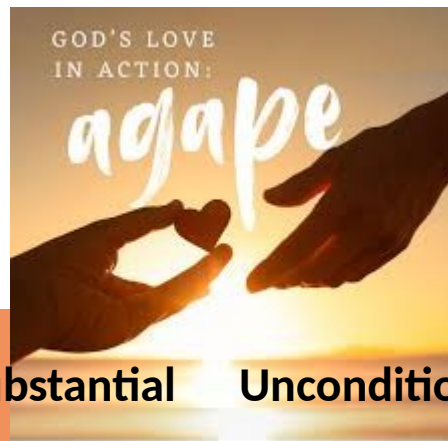
When someone helps a person in need simply because it is the right thing to do, they are showing agape.

Eternal

Christians believe that God's love for humankind is eternal in that God will never stop loving humanity. Even if they do wrong, they can say sorry and God will forgive them because he loves them.

Jesus taught about the concept of heaven twice. In John 14:1-6, he uses the Greek word 'topos', which is translated as "place." For example, he says, "*I go to prepare a place for you.*"

Christians believe it is Jesus' sacrifice of salvation that makes a forgiven sinner perfect in the eyes of God and then they can enter heaven where they can live eternally being loved by and loving God.



Key Vocabulary

Altruism

Caring about other people's needs and helping them without expecting anything in return.

Eternal

Something that lasts forever and never ends.

Prophesied

Predicted or foretold that something would happen in the future, often by a person believed to have a special connection to God or spiritual knowledge.

Messiah

A savior from God prophesied about in the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures.

Conditional

Eternity

Consubstantial

Unconditional

Binding

Covenant

