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GRATITUDE FOR THE GREATEST GIFT OF GOD (LOVE)

INT: Suppose one unacquainted with Bible should just open it and read: Eph. 4:1-8. What think?

V. 1.
V. 2.
4-6
V. 8

1. Ephesians given a vocation---way of life. 1.
 2. The Christian Vocation involves wonderful Sp
 3. Seven ones: Body, Spr., Hope, Lord, Faith, Baptism, and God. *4-6.*
 4. God gave gifts unto men. V. 8. What gifts???
- Good - Better - Best? Best - Greater - Greatest?*
Consider: Jas. 1:17. I Cor. 2:9.
John 4:10. Acts 2:38.. Eph. 2:8.

SUBJECT: The Greatest Gift to man! *! what is it?*
 Consider: Matt. 13:32. Kingdom? Not a tree!
 Matt. 18:1-4. Child is greatest! Not a child!
 Matt. 11:11.. John the Baptist!! Not a man!
 John 3:16-17. Christ the greatest gift. No!!!
NOW: I Cor. 12:31 and 13:8-13. * AN ATTITUDE. YES

CONCLUSION: The ABILITY to LOVE AND BE LOVED!!!

I. BE LIKE GOD AND YOU ARE THE GREATEST!!

- A. Matt. 5:48. How? I John 4:11-19*.
- B. God Loved Us First: John 3:16. Gr. AGAPAO.
Defined: A love which arises from a keen sense of the WORTH and VALUE of love's object.
 ALSO: "I will love you even if you NEVER EVER love me at all." God's kind!!!
Ill. Miskito indian tribe in Honduras: love is "a pain in my heart." God's heart was pained by man's sinful condition---loved!!

C. Romans 5:8: AGAPAO in noun-form meaning Redemptive-love. Read *v. 6-11**.
OUR SALVATION: came when the low state of man's life touched the high state of God's love and He sent His Son to redeem us!

D. God wants Us to love as He loves. Agapao!
 1. I John 4:7-10.* Love each other!!

2 II. THE WHOLE WORLD RUNS ON LOVE OR IT DOES NOT RUN WELL AT ALL.

- A. Begins with GRATITUDE for God's love and our keen sense of His Greatness, grandness, and goodness to us. Col. 3:17. M. 22:37.

Ps. 8 B. Matt. 22:39. Love thy PLESION, Gr. for Neighbor. Why? Value God put on Him.

Greatest Commandments!

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NOTE: How love those never seen and never will??? Agapao: Consider the value of his soul. Love: do him good!!!

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c. WIVES! Grateful for Ephesians 5:25.??
Husbands Agapao, not EROS---sexual love.
Love that woman --spiritually--because she is GOD'S DAUGHTER first and more valuable than all the world as a living-soul. Respect!!!
PHILEO (Gr. for affectionate-love) will come.
Husbands: Agapao, eros and phileo wife.
Respect her. Desire her. Give her the tender affections of your heart!
Wives: Grateful for God's greatest gift?????????
in husbands!

HUSBANDS! Grateful for I Tim. 5:14. & Tit. 2:4-5
A. Want your wife to love your children?????????
Gr. PHILEO-TEKNOS: the emotional attachment which comes from an intimate and prolonged association with the child. More human and selfish-type love. Family-love.
Parents remember: John 3:16. God's Agapao for this child. Worth more than world!
Respect this child as GOD'S property!!

B. Want your wife to love you...husbands????
1. Gr. PHILEO-ANDROS: A growing love, based in family-love more. God teaches all wives to Agapao-eros and phileo-andros:
Respect, desire and grow in affection toward your help-meet-husband.

E. BRETHREN! Grateful to God for I John 4:7????
A. Agapao: Love each other because of the immense price God placed on each: more than whole material world. Immortal souls!

INV: Ill. Co-nob Indians of Guatemala have a very expressive view of this kind of love: "MY SOUL DIES FOR YOU" ~~is~~ I unselfishly get smaller as you get greater in my eyes!!

✓ JESUS LOVED YOU. JESUS DIED FOR YOU.
Grateful for His love? How showing it?
A CHRISTIAN??? Want to BE? B-R-C-B.

✓ UNFAITHFUL DISCIPLE? What happened to your love for Jesus? Choked out..selfishness!
Want back into love of God? R-P.

✓ IDENTIFY. *How prove love - drifting?*