

THE TRANSFORMING
POWER OF THE CHURCH



“The most important thing in your life
is not what you do;
it’s who you become.
That’s what you will take into eternity.”

Dallas Willard

...those he
foreknew he also
predestined to be
conformed to the
image of his Son....

Romans 8:29 CSB

The Son is the
radiance of God's
glory and the exact
expression of
his nature....

Hebrews 1:3a CSB

God is love.

1 John 4:8b CSB

The most important thing in life is becoming the kind of person who loves.

But what is love?

Ancient Greek
had 4 primary
words used
to distinguish
different types
of love:

eros

romantic love
based physical
attraction; root
of the English
word 'erotic'

storge

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phileo

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however...

agape

a valuing of
another which
motivates action
aimed at their
highest good

A middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is looking directly at the camera. He is standing in front of a large, colorful stained glass window with various designs. The background is slightly blurred, showing a dark interior space.

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philadelphia
the affection of close friends
+ a brother

Be **kindly**
affectionate to
one another with
brotherly love...

Romans 12:10 NKJV

As concerning **brotherly love**, you do not need me to write to you. For you yourselves are taught by God to **love** one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 MEV

resulting in

Having purified your souls in obedience of the truth for a sincere **brotherly-love** — **love** one another fervently from a pure heart...

1 Peter 1:22 DLNT

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“For God so
loved the world,
that **he gave his only Son,**
that whoever believes in
him should not perish
but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 ESV

For one will scarcely
die for a righteous person
—though perhaps for a good
person one would dare even
to die—⁸ but God shows his
love for us in that while
we were still sinners,

Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8 ESV

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1 John 3:16 GNT

This is how we know what love is:

Christ gave his life for us.

We to, then, ought to give our lives for others!