

LOVE LOOKS LIKE.. For God Loved



Part 1 | Retief Uys

What does love look like?



Love is...



1. Intro: Like this?

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...a necessity,
not a luxury.

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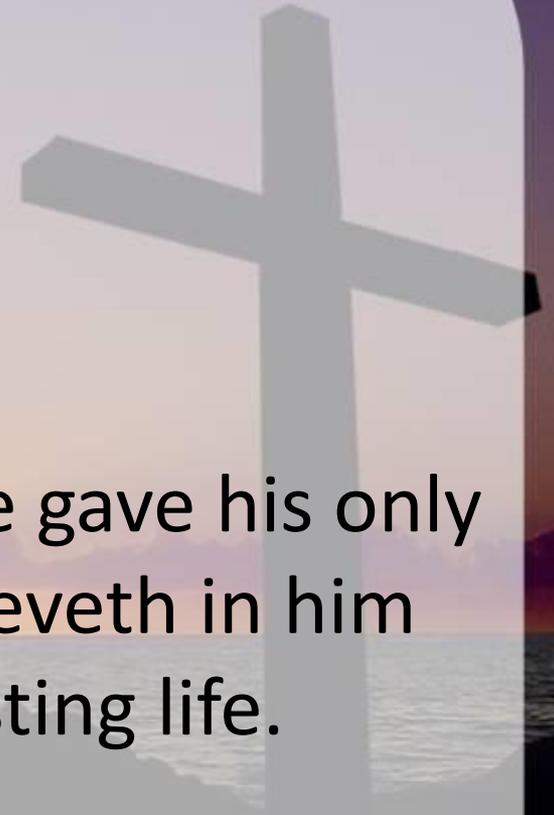
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2. FOR GOD LOVED:

John 3:16 (KJB)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



FOR GOD LOVED:

Agape: a caring or godly concern for someone even if you do not know or like him or her. Only God himself can give it (John 3:16 - 17). Agape is love which is of and from God, whose very nature is love itself. Essence of agape love is self-sacrifice.

Phileo: Its definition is 'to show signs of or otherwise denote brotherly affection.' Humans, without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, can only give **this emotion toward their fellow man.**

3. FOR WE WERE LOVED:

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:7 – 12; 16-19

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7 – 12; 16-19

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us..

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16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

19 We love because he first loved us.

Two things:

3.1 No fear:

1 John 4:18

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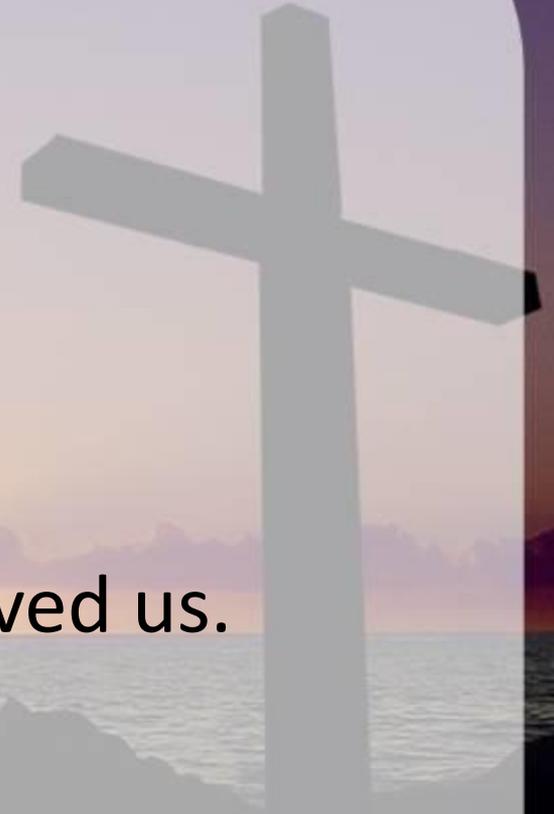
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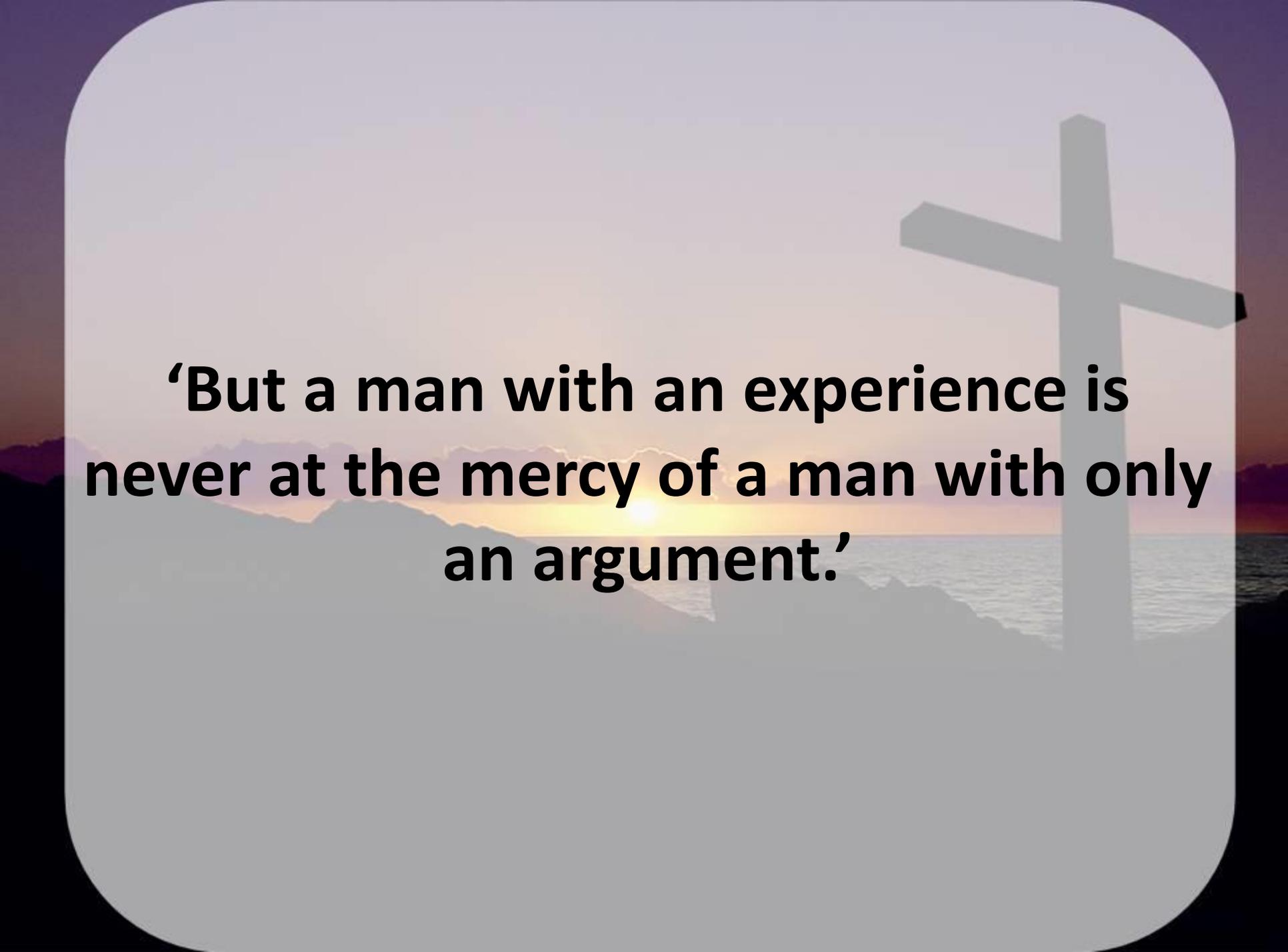
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3.2 He Loved Us First:

1 John 4:19

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‘But a man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with only an argument.’



What does love look like?

What is love to you?

Have you been loved?

1 Corinthians 13 (HCSB)

Love: The Superior Way

If I speak human or angelic languages but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited,

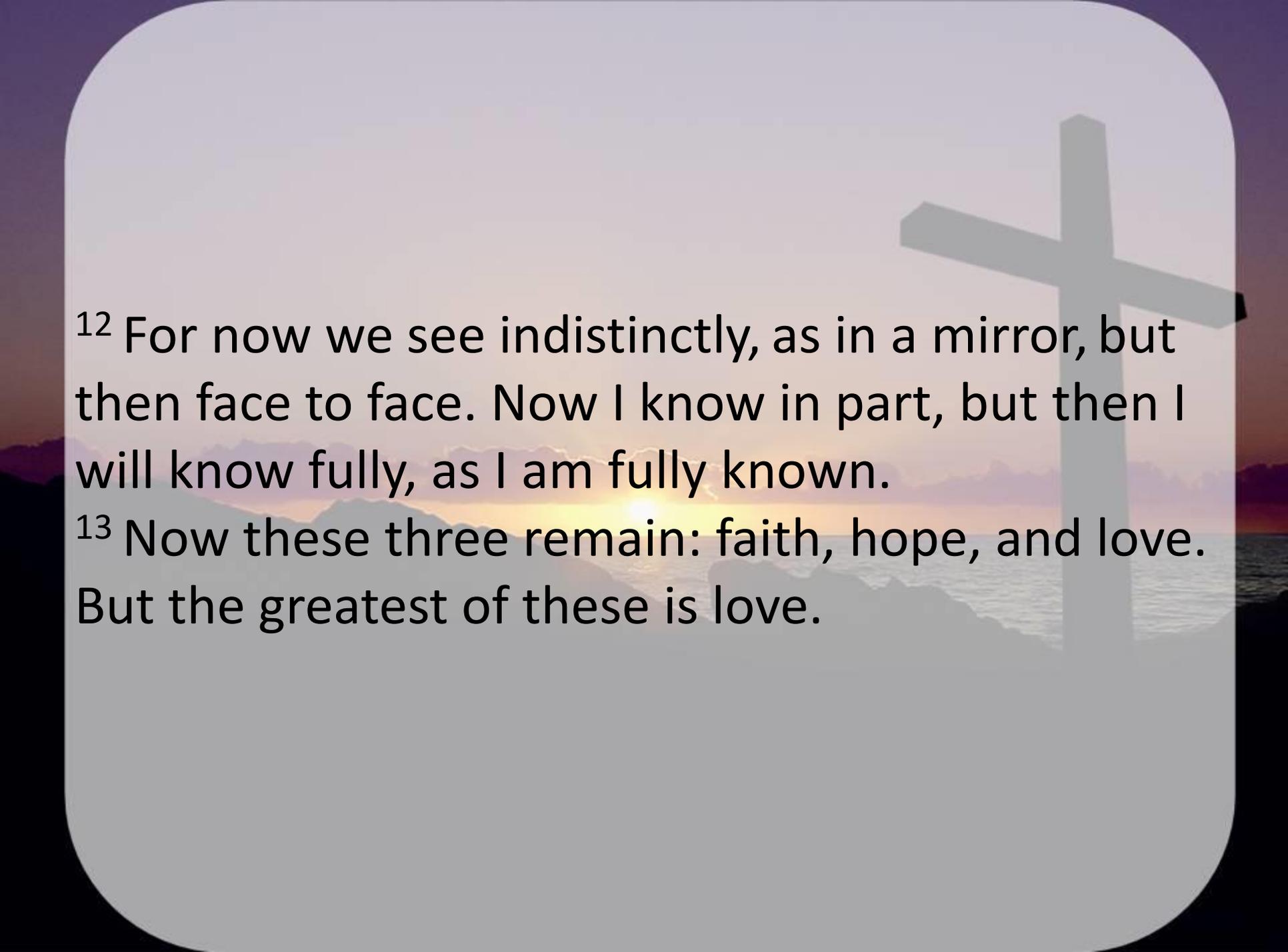
⁵ does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for languages, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things.



¹² For now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.

¹³ Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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Prayer