

# BIBLICAL LOVE

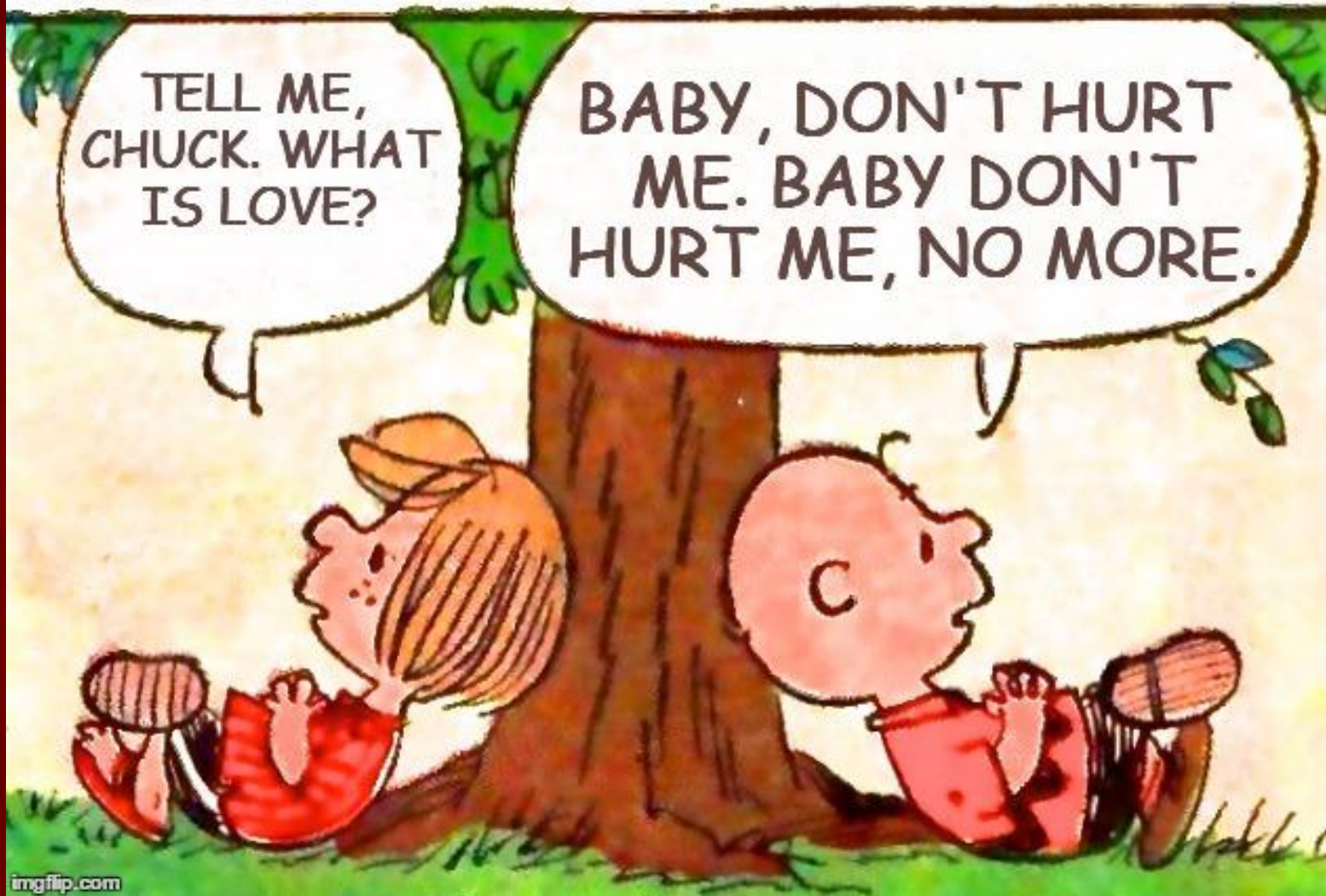
Is It Necessary for Salvation?

WHAT IS LOVE?

# PEANUTS

TELL ME,  
CHUCK. WHAT  
IS LOVE?

BABY, DON'T HURT  
ME. BABY DON'T  
HURT ME, NO MORE.



I APPROACHED A KID  
AND ASKED:  
"WHAT IS LOVE?"

THE KID ANSWERED,  
"LOVE IS WHEN A PUPPY LICKS YOUR FACE."

I LAUGHED, BUT THEN HE ADDED,  
"EVEN AFTER YOU LEFT HIM ALONE ALL DAY."

# WHAT IS LOVE?

- Vine's – *Agape/Agapao* is the “characteristic word of Christianity”... describing “the attitude of God toward His Son; the human race, generally; and to such as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, particularly.”
- But somewhat challenging to describe in English because “love” means so many different things
- **Consider 1 Corinthians 13 with other passages to better comprehend *Agape* LOVE**

# 1 COR. 13:1-3 – THE SUPREMACY OF LOVE

- Faith or works without love profits nothing. (Jam. 2:14-18)
- Mt. 22:37 – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

<b>Absence of love renders ineffective:</b>	<b>Love the Lord with our...</b>
Tongues	Words (Mt. 7:21-22)
Prophecies, knowledge	Mind
Faith	Soul
Generosity	Heart

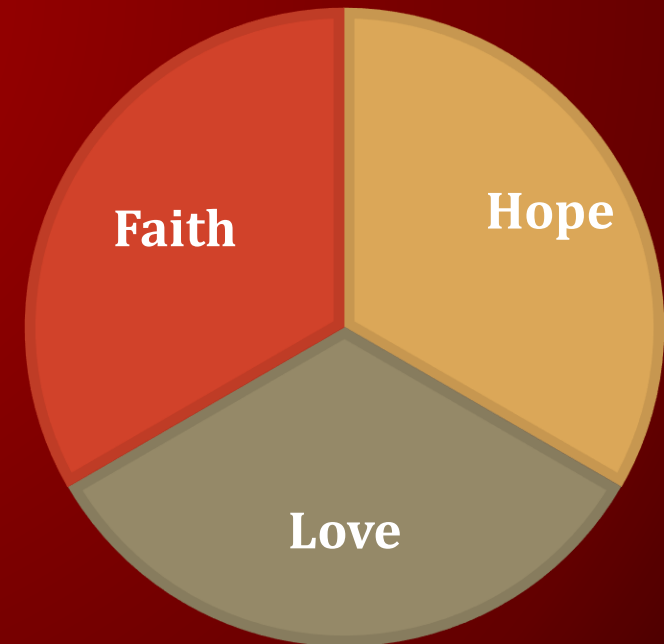
- God wants our full devotion, and without it, we can't successfully teach or worship.

# 1 COR. 13:4-7 – WHAT IS LOVE?

<b>Love is:</b>	<b>Love is not:</b>
Patient	Jealous/Envious
Kind	Boastful
Honest	Proud/Arrogant
Forgiving	Rude
Faithful	Selfish
Hopeful	Irritable
Enduring	Resentful/Spiteful
Persevering	

# WHAT IS LOVE?

- Jn. 14:15, 23-24 – Obedient; “Keep my commandments”
  - Jn. 15:12-14 – Love one another as I have loved you.
- 1 Jn. 2:4-5 – Obedience = Love of God has reached perfection.
- 1 Jn. 3:16-17 – Sacrifice for each other
  - Whether great or minimal
- 1 Jn. 3:18-24 – In truth and action





# 1 COR. 13:13 – FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

- What is faith or hope without love? Disobedience, 1 Jn. 3:23
- Heb. 10:19-27

<b>Faith, Hope, &amp; Love</b>	<b>Steps of Salvation</b>
v. 22 – Let us... faith	v. 22 – “true heart in full assurance of faith”
v. 23 – Let us... hope	v. 22 – “hearts sprinkled clean from evil conscience” (Repentance)
v. 24 – Let us... love	v. 23 – “hold fast to the confession of our hope”
	v. 22 – “bodies washed with pure water” (baptism)
	v. 26 – Remain faithful and Love