

## ***Love Sums It All Up!***

### ***Game Plan 2016: Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!***

#### ***Pt. 5***

2 Peter 1:5-9

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**2 Peter 1:5**, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

#### **The Bible Says:**

Agape Love is used 115 times in the New Testament. Agape may involve emotions, but it always involves action. Agape is unrestricted, unconditional, sacrificial love.

- **God Is Agape Love**

**1 John 4:8**, *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.*

- **Agape Love Is Active Love**

**John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

- **Agape Love Is Our Best Witness**

**John 13:34**, *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”*

- **Agape Love Is Multifaceted**

(1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

## **“For Better Or For Worse!”**

**Ephesians 5:33**, *However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

### **4 Ways Agape Love Is Applied In Our Relationships:**

- 1) **Hard Work And Total COMMITMENT**

**Mark 10:6**, *“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”*

- 2) **Weather The STORMS**

**1 Corinthians 7:28**, *But if you do marry, you have not sinned... But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.*

- 3) **Clear And Caring COMMUNICATION**

**Colossians 4:6**, *Let your conversation be always full of grace...*

**Colossians 3:19**, *Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

**Proverbs 21:9**, *It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman.*

- 4) **Keep A Good Sense Of HUMOR**

**Proverbs 17:22**, *A cheerful heart is good medicine...*

**Proverbs 15:15**, *...the cheerful heart has a continual feast.*