

**Missional
Engagement!**

**Engaging & Blessing
our Community
With the Gospel**

Blessing

: A favor or gift bestowed
by God, thereby bringing
happiness.

Bless

week

**Engaging & Blessing
our Community
With the Gospel**

With the Gospel

: A favor or gift bestowed
by God, thereby bringing
happiness.

**Bless week isn't about nice
people, doing nice things
to make people feel nice so
that they'll have a nice day.**



Bless week is about the Holy Spirit working through us to engage people with the good news that God loves us deeply, and offers us abundant life through faith in Christ.

God loves us deeply

1 Corinthians 13

ἀγάπη

a g a p e

ΠΡΟΣ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΟΥΣ Α΄ 13 SBL Greek New Testament (SBLGNT)

13 Ἐὰν ταῖς γλώσσαις τῶν ἀνθρώπων λαλῶ καὶ τῶν ἀγγέλων, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, γέγονα χαλκὸς ἤχων ἢ κύμβαλον ἀλαλάζον. ² ^[a]καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω προφητείαν καὶ εἰδῶ τὰ μυστήρια πάντα καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γνῶσιν, ^[b]καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω πᾶσαν τὴν πίστιν ὥστε ὄρη ^[c]μεθιστάνει, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐθέν εἰμι. ³ ^[d]καὶ ἐὰν ψωμίσω πάντα τὰ ὑπάρχοντά μου, ^[e]καὶ ἐὰν παραδῶ τὸ σῶμά μου, ἵνα ^[f]καυθήσομαι, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐδὲν ὠφελοῦμαι.

⁴ Ἡ ἀγάπη μοι κροθυμεῖ, χρηστεύεται, ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐ ζηλοῖ, ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐ περπερευεται, οὐ φυσιοῦται, ⁵ οὐκ ἀσχημονεῖ, οὐ ζητεῖ τὰ ἑαυτῆς, οὐ παροξύνεται, οὐ λογίζεται τὸ κακόν, ⁶ οὐ χαίρει ἐπὶ τῇ ἀδικίᾳ, συγχαίρει δὲ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ. ⁷ πάντα στέγει, πάντα πιστεύει, πάντα ἐλπίζει, πάντα ὑπομένει.

Ἡ ἀγάπη οὐδέποτε ^[h]πίπτει. εἴτε δὲ προφητεῖαι, καταργηθήσονται· εἴτε γλώσσαι,

ἄγáππῃ

a g a p e

The essence of agape love is goodwill, benevolence, and willful delight in the object of love. Agape love involves faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will. The type of love that characterizes God is not a sappy, sentimental feeling such as we often hear portrayed. God loves because that is His nature and the expression of His being. He loves the unlovable and the unlovely, not because we deserve to be loved or because of any excellence we possess, but because it is His nature to love and He must be true to His nature. Agape love is always shown by what it does.

Agape love doesn't
cherish what is valuable.

Agape love creates value.



Stripety

A piece of fabric with vertical orange and white stripes. A thick, light-colored rope or cord is wrapped around the fabric, forming a horizontal band. There are several irregular holes and tears in the fabric, particularly on the left side and near the bottom. The fabric appears to be made of a coarse, woven material.

Stripety

Maddie doesn't love Stripety
BECAUSE Stripety is beautiful...

Maddie's love **MAKES**

Stripety beautiful.

John 8





This is US!

Are you seeing it?

Are you making the connection?

**There's not ONE THING we can do
to make God love us any more,
or any less.**

**God's love gives US value.
Loving others in the Name
of Christ gives THEM value!**

**Blessing others isn't about
nice people, doing nice
things to make people feel
nice so that they'll have a
nice day.**

Blessing others is about the Holy Spirit working through us to engage people with the good news that God loves us deeply, and offers us abundant life through faith in Christ.

Love Does

