

THE BOND OF PERFECTNESS COLOSSIANS 3:14

I. WHATEVER "*CHARITY*" IS, IT IS PART OF THE VERY CHARACTER OF GOD

- A. God Is Love (I John 4:16)
- B. Christ Stated That His Disciples Would Be Marked Out By The Presence Of This In Their Lives (John 13:35)
- C. Paul Stated That Love Is The Key Ingredient That Makes All Ministry Genuinely Edifying (I Corinthians 13:1-3)
 - 1. Not "Eros"
 - 2. Not "Philos"
 - 3. Not "Storge"
 - 4. But "Agape"

II. WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES "AGAPE" LOVE-DIFFERENT?

- A. It Differs From The Others In What It Does With Respect To Its Activity
 - 1. It Is Uniquely Giving
 - a. To God: Obedience
 - b. To Men: Benevolence
 - 2. Illustrated By Christ (Matthew 5:43-44)
- B. It Differs From The Others In What It Wants With Respect To Its Recipients
- C. It Differs From The Others In What Causes It With Respect To Its Determinations
- D. It Differs From The Others In What It Accomplishes With Respect To Displaying Christ & His Body (Colossians 3:14)