

**1 John 4:20-21 (NIV)**

**[20] If anyone says, "I love [Agapao] God," yet hates [G3404] his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love [Agapao] his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love [Agapao] God, whom he has not seen. [21] And he has given us this command: Whoever loves [Agapao] God must also love [Agapao] his brother.**

**++++ The HS asked me: if Love is something that's so desired, why did I have to command my people to do it? (v. 21)**

- We don't really understand.... when we do, we aren't as excited about doing it.....**
- Often our definition of Love is not what he's.....  
(What we think is Agape - very difficult to do, is really Phileo - very easy to do)**

**For instance: the scripture..... "hate"**

**(G3404) - Strong's Concordance**

**"To hate, pursue with hatred, detest;  
Not a few interpreters have attributed.... the signification  
to love less, to postpone in love or esteem, to slight,  
through oversight of the circumstance that 'the  
Orientals, in accordance with their greater  
excitability, are want both to feel and to profess  
love and hate where we Occidentals, with  
our cooler temperament,**

**feel and express nothing more than interest in, or disregard and indifference to a thing'.**

- > Occidental: European descent.**
- > just showing dis-interest, or disregarding and being indifferent is 'hate'.**