

Agape, Love Is The Way

The greatest word in the Greek or English language is *agape* or *love* and boy do we need it now.

I figure it's the only way out of the mess we are in nationally and internationally. God gave us the gift of love for the situations we are dealing with today. There is not a political or military way out of these turbulent times. Only love can heal the brokenness and bring peace.

Maybe we should start using the Greek word, "agape" when we talk about love. Using the English word "love" has been misused and overused so much we forget the depth of the word. It's become a word that has lost its true meaning by the way we use it; *I love my new car ... I love playing golf ... I love my favorite food or TV show, etc.* Agape will remind us of the love of God and Christ like love.

I remember the first day in Greek



class during my seminary days. Although I had just graduated from college and was feeling full of myself, I felt a little apprehensive about the Greek class. If you've heard the expression, "sounds Greek to me", then you understand what I was feeling. I think the professor sensed the anxiety amongst her students, so she started with the Greek word for love, *agape*. Not only did she tell us the translation of the word, she also took time to dig deep into its meaning and engage us in discussion.

Agape is Christ like love, which means a self-giving love seen supremely in God's love for the world (John 3:16) and as a mark of the Christian life (I Corinthians 13). It is a way of thinking and living life that can change everything. It can bring

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the end to war and rumors of war. It can tear down walls that divide and break chains that bind. It can stop us from hurting each other.

I heard the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Elie Wiesel, speak at the Claremont Colleges and he told this story:

Two men were talking and drinking together. One of them asked the other, "Do you love me?" and his friend answered, "Yes, I do."

After a while the man said again, "Do you love me? And his friend answered, "Yes, I love you."

As the evening grew late the man asked one more time, "Do you love me? " The friend said, "Yes, I do love you."

To which the man responded, "Then why don't you know what hurts me?"

So, as we live our daily lives,
let's remember
Love is agape and **Agape** is love.

It allows **God's Will to be done.**

Agape
Kimball Coburn, SE



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If you prefer to receive it in your email box, let us know at kbcministry@integrity.com To continue receiving **The Call** via the US Postal Service you don't need to do anything unless you have a change of address. You can email your new home address to us or write a note to the Kimball Coburn Ministry – PO Box 633, Claremont, CA 91711-0633. And if you no longer want to receive our mailing, we will remove your name and address.

Thank you for Circuit Riding with us these past 38 years through **The Call**. It is a privilege to share our journey with you.

AN INVITATION FROM KIMBALL ~ I would like to invite you to the Northridge UMC on Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 for morning worship where I'll share a message called "**Catching the Vision.**" After worship there will be a brunch from 11:00 to 12:00, followed by a discussion on **God's Call to be the Church** with leaders of the church. Please join us for this time of *Digging Deeper and Rethinking Church.*



Over the years, people have asked if I am a music minister and if I do concerts. I'm humbled by these questions, but always let them know that I'm not a music minister and I don't perform musical shows. I am a preacher, a servant evangelist who uses music to enhance my messages and to lift the spirits of the people. Sometimes I'll write my songs from the sermons, while other times the sermons come from the songs. But every song I write has a complete message that I feel stands on its own. In almost 50 years of ministry, I've discovered that the combination of sermon and song greatly strengthens a presentation by making it more memorable and focused. Yes, I suppose there's a part of me that would like to be a musical performer. But what really gets my heart going is using all the gifts God has given me to share his prophetic message.

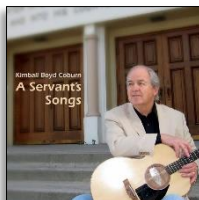
I'm also blessed to have children, grandchildren, and good friends gifted in creating music with meaning and purpose. They continue to surround me with their talents and are on all my recordings. We're extremely proud of the music we've produced over the years and are excited to share it with you. Go to kimballcoburn.com/media to listen and download all the music of the ministry. For the highest quality sound, click the **Bandcamp** link and choose from a variety of digital formats. Or simply let us send you any - **or all** - CDs. The price? *Fahgettaboudit!* We have never charged for our music. We are glad to send it to you to encourage you in your faith.

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AMOUNT BUDGETED TO DATE
\$ 37,433
AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE
\$ 23,330
(September 1, 2017)



A Note from Our Board of Directors

Here it is, the end of Summer with Fall knocking at the door! We hope you've enjoyed a time of rest and are ready to meet the new schedules, challenges and activities of the new season.

We thank you for keeping the Kimball Coburn Ministry in your thoughts, prayers and generous gifts for the work of evangelism in the prophetic spirit. Kimball and Pam continue to amaze us with their simple lifestyle filled with an abundance of hope and love to share with others.