



For **I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.** 2 Corinthians 2:4 NIV

**ἀγάπη (agápē): holy, unconditional love**

See Matthew 22:37-38, Mark 12:30-31, Luke 10:27, 1 John 4:7-21

### **1. Love Disciplines.**

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup>The **punishment inflicted** on him by the majority **is sufficient.** 2 Corinthians 2:5-6 NIV

### **2. Love Forgives, Comforts and Reaffirms.**

Now instead, **you ought to forgive and comfort** him, so that **he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.** <sup>8</sup>I urge you, therefore, to **reaffirm your love for him.** <sup>9</sup>Another **reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.** <sup>10</sup>Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have **forgiven in the sight of Christ** for your sake, <sup>11</sup>**in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.** 2 Corinthians 2:7-11 NIV

### **3. Love Spreads the Good News of Christ.**

Now when I went to Troas to **preach the gospel of Christ** and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, <sup>13</sup>I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia. <sup>14</sup>**But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.** <sup>15</sup>**For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.** <sup>16</sup>To the one we are an **aroma that brings death;** to the other, an **aroma that brings life.** And who is equal to such a task? 2 Corinthians 2:12-16 NIV

Jesus Christ has conquered the...

**1. Power of Sin.** Romans 7:22-25

**2. Power of Death.** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

**3. Power of Satan.** Colossians 2:13-15

**4. Power of the World.** 1 John 5:4-5

**5. Power of Anything that Tries to Separate Us from God's Love.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 8:35-39 NIV

### **4. Love Motivates for Ministry.**

Unlike so many, **we do not peddle the word of God for profit.** On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with **sincerity, as those sent from God.** 2 Corinthians 2:17 NIV