

2nd Part – Family of God in Mount Zion

- I. We at The Garden are all about encountering God.
 - a. Encountering His Love, His Glory, His Presence, His Joy...
 - b. Encountering Him Personally, Corporately, Regionally
 - c. It all starts with continuous encounter with the Love of God.

- II. Hebrew and Greek words for Love in the Bible:
 - a. Ahab: Hebrew word for love. Describes a variety of intensely close emotional bonds.

 - b. Phileo - this one signifies friendship, fondness, affection, delight, and personal attachment. This word is on of feeling – a heart of love – whereas agape is a matter of benevolence, duty, and commitment.

 - c. Agapao - means unconditional love, preferential love that is chosen and acted out by the will. It is not love based on the goodness of the beloved, or upon natural affinity or emotion. Rather this is benevolent love that always seeks the good of the beloved. Exclusive to believers through the very Love of God always looking to and for the good of all mankind. Ephesians 2:4

 - d. Agape - "Like its synonym *philia*, it designates love between persons (John 13:35), or people for God (1 John 2:15), of God for humanity (Rom. 5:8), and of God for Christ (John 17:26). Whereas *phileo* emphasizes the idea of love arising from personal relationships, *agape* is a matter of benevolence, duty, and commitment. We are commanded to have *agape* love but not *phileo* love because feelings cannot be commanded." Used over 300 times in the NT!

 - e. Philadelphia - *philadelphía* (*phílos*, "loving friend" and *adelphós*, "a brother") – properly, affection for the *brethren* (fellow-believers). This is not the love God has for us, but rather love between brothers and sisters in Christ. It implies that a familial bond between people who would not otherwise share affection is possible through Christ. **1 Peter 1:22-23**

 - f. Eros - This love is erotic love, it is a love of passion, an overmastering passion that seizes and absorbs itself into the mind. It is a love that is an emotional involvement based on body chemistry. The basic idea of this love is self-satisfaction. **NOT USED at ALL in the Bible.**

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III. We are called to be the Family of God.

1 Timothy 5:1

Romans 8:14-17

Ephesians 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.”

- a. His sons and daughters full of faith, hope, love and justice as His firstborn Son. Jesus.
- b. We are children of God by the blood of His Son born again by the Holy Spirit.
- c. It’s only by Free Will.
- d. Giving free will to mankind was high cost vs high reward for God, but He chose to have it no other way.

IV. The Family of God grows though His Love in living Cells.

- a. Cells disciple new believers, and grow with the fullness of His Spirit.
- b. Cells deliver, teach, ground, prophesy and encourage the children of God in *agape* and *philadelphia*.
- c. Cell leaders are pastors maturing believers from babes to adults in the Spirit of God. Eating milk – eating Meat.

V. **One Generation of saints in cell groups are supported by prayer, doctrine and vision by the Five-Fold Government of God.**

Ephesians 2:19-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

- a. Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Pastor, Evangelist
- b. One Generation in the Mountain of God. **Psalm 48: 8-14**
- c. Mount Zion, God’s great tower. **Isaiah 2:2-3**
- d. Each one doing their part to equip the church, raise up the bride into maturity and establish God’s Dominion of Heaven on Earth.

VI. Mount Zion establishes King Jesus’ reign of goodness and grace, justice and love in every cultural sphere of influence.

- a. Family
- b. Religion/Faith
- c. Education
- d. Government/Law
- e. Media/News & Commentary
- f. Arts/Entertainment
- g. Business/Economics