

God's Assessment of His Creation

As God completed each day, saw it was good

God saw the light, that it was **good** 1:4

God saw Land and Water that it was **good** 1:10

God saw Plants that it was **good** 1:12

God saw Sun Moon Stars that it was **good** 1:18

God saw Fish and Birds that it was **good** 1:21

God saw animals that it was **good**. 1:25

Yet in the Midst of 6th Day

it was not good that man be alone 2:18

Since at the end of the 6th day:

God saw everything He had made,
and behold it was very good

Something occurred that resolved the
problem and made things very good.

What was it?

God's Final Act of Creation

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 2:21-24

From Adam's Words

- *This is now bone of my bones*
- *And flesh of my flesh;*
- First: God created marriage.
- There was no decision on Adam's part.
- Marriage is part of what made it very good.
- Second, God created family
- *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother*
- *be joined to his wife,*
- *they shall become one flesh. 2:21-24*

Created in the image of God

- *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27-28*
- All the tender emotions that bless our lives began here. All “*natural affections:*”
- *Phileo-love* pleasantly binding the wife to her husband.
- *Storge-love* binding and knitting the family.
- *Agape-love* binding by making all necessary sacrifices a normal part of life.

“Natural Affection”

- Even before a woman gives birth, she and her husband are already in love.
- So also are other siblings, grandparents; aunts, uncles and friends, There is love in this family.
- When a child is born into natural affection, it is blessed with loving, nurturing, protecting family.
- Such a nurturing family unit is as beautiful to behold as a golden sunset or a lovely spring day, and is productive of much more good.

The Foundation of Family

This is the love, devotion, and commitment of blending agape, phileo, and storge together.

A 'worthy woman' for a mother. (Pr. 31:28)

A man who 'knows how to take care of his own household' training 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord' (1Tim. 3:4; Eph. 6:4),

The full potential of the home to do good.

Giving both *natural affection* and *respect for authority* that brings true *godliness*.

This is the home God created.

Foundation of Israel and the Church

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:29

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them

brethren Heb 2:10-11

Fullness of Brotherly Kindness

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren (philadelphia), love (agape) one another fervently with a pure heart, 1 Peter 1:22-23

Be kindly affectionate (phileo storge) to one another with brotherly love (philadelphia), in honor giving preference to one another Rom 12:10

They are all here: phileo, storge, agape,

Brotherly Kindness

“philadelphia... the love of brothers (or sisters), brotherly love... In the N. T. the love which Christians cherish for each other as “brethren”...” (Thayer, 5360)

“philostorgos... The mutual love of parents and children; also of husbands and wives), loving affection, prone to love, loving tenderly...” (Thayer 5387)

astorgos without natural affection: Rom 1:31; 2 Tim 3:3. (Thayer 794)

Foundation of Brotherly Kindness

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: John 1:12

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Gal. 4:4-5

Foundation of Brotherly Kindness

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ...And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise. Gal. 3:26-29

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. Gal. 4:28

Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. Gal. 3:7

Peter had a Lot to Say

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But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

Peter had a Lot to Say

Honor all people. Love(agape) the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers(philadelphia), be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-10

Peter had a Lot to Say

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love(agape) for one another, for " love (agape) will cover a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:7-9

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, ... knowledge, 6 ... self-control, ...perseverance, ... godliness, 7 ... brotherly kindness (philadelphia) ... 2Pet 1:5-7

Brotherly Kindness

But concerning brotherly love(philadelphia) you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love(agape) one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 1Th. 4:9-10

Brotherly Kindness

And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, Ezek. 11:19

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Rom. 12:15

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Eph. 4:32