

One of the three Greek words in the Bible for love is phileo. We get the name Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, from this term. This quality of love is what God desires from us, His children, for one another because we are a family. If we know Jesus as Lord and Savior we are members of God's family.

The early church viewed its members as an extended family because Jesus used family terms: brother, our Father in heaven, and friend to describe our relationships with Him.

- Since we are part of one large family with God as our Father, how does this verse say we should relate to one another?
- How do parents feel when children fight and choose to hurt each other verbally or physically?
- How do you think God feels when we do the same?
- Decide on a way to demonstrate brotherly love to someone outside of your family this week. For some ideas click here.

