

and my interpretation may not be the correct one, but I think there is at least a larger ~~percentage~~ percentage of truth. There are two words used. One is agapao, which means the divine love, really deep love, ~~thorough~~ thorough-going ~~love~~ love, and there is the word phileo, which is a word for love, but a more general word, a word which might perhaps be used in perhaps the sense of affection~~s~~s which one would not dignify as the word agapao. And Jesus used the word agapao, lovest thou me more than these? And Peter didn't dare come up to the ~~xx~~ claim, having denied ~~his~~ his Lord and failed Him miserably, to claim that he could appropriate to himself for his love to Christ this word. He said, Yes Lord, you know that I love you. He used the ~~/x~~ word phileo. Jesus said to him a second time, Simon do you love me, using agapao, and again Peter said, phileo. You know that I love you, And the third time Jesus said, and here He used the word phileo, you are not ready to come up to this agapao word. You are ~~not~~ not ready to say that you have this deep consuming religious^{ly} love for me. You are not ready to say that. Are you sure you are ready to say this? Do you love me in ~~xxx~~ this manner? Are you sure you do. And Peter was grieved because the third time he asked this ~~xxxx~~ question, even though the third time He used a different word. Lovest thou me? And Peter again says, Lord, thou knowest all things. Thou knowest that I love you. Now, if Jesus would ask a question like this of a man who had risked his life for the Savior, the Lord, a man who had once thrown ~~himself~~ himself out of the boat, into the sea,10¹/₄....., in order to get to him, he ~~g~~ couldn't wait to get there. A man who once before at Jesus command stepped right out of the boat, Lord command me to come to you, and he stepped right out and walked out on the water, never thinking of the danger so intent was he on getting to the one who meant~~s~~ so much to him, his Lord, Peter who had followed him, and risked his life, and who was now recognized as the leader of the disciples, Jesus asked him three times, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Surely it is proper and fitting that each one of us should take the same question, and should apply it to ourselves, and should imagine our Lord Jesus Christ as looking to us, and