

Abba God's Love for Us (in Greek and Hebrew Words) -- Phileó and Koinónia and Natsar

Some of the words Abba God uses in the New Testament to show His love for us include **Phileó** and **Koinónia** and **Natsar**.

Phileó in John 16:27

John 16:27 -- “[27] For the Father himself **loveth** you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.”

➤ According to Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, the word *loveth* in English is **phileó** in Greek (Strong’s #5368). It means “1. ... to love i.e. delight in, long for, ... 2. to kiss...”

➤ According to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, *phileó* means “... i.e. Have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling;...); specially, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness) -- kiss, love.”

When a Christian opens his (or her) heart to God, he (/she) is able to receive God's *phileó* love. In doing so, he (/she) is receiving God's personal, tender love, affection, and delight. Imagine being kissed by Abba Father God who is longing to have close fellowship with you. That is what *phileó* love is. Receiving God's tender love and resting in the fact that He greatly loves you is what brings healing to emotional wounds and healing from the pain of the past. It also weakens temptations and removes their power in your life.

Koinónia in 1 John 1:3

1 John 1:3 -- “[3] That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **fellowship** with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

➤ According to Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, the word *fellowship* in English is **koinónia** in Greek (Strong’s #2842). It means “...fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, contact; ... 2. contact, fellowship, intimacy:...”

➤ According to Webster’s 1828 dictionary, *communion* also means: “... Fellowship; ... a state of giving and receiving; agreement; concord. ...”

Webster’s 1828 dictionary defines *contact* as: “... A touching; touch; close union or juncture...”

As we Christians have **koinónia** (fellowship) with Abba Father God, we are having intimacy (spiritual intimacy) with Abba God; friendship with Abba God; and joint participation with Abba God. Having **koinónia** with Abba God means that we are giving Abba God our burdens and receiving His blessings.* As we have **koinónia** with Abba God, we are having concord (harmony and agreement) and close union with His heart.

(* See [Philippians 4:6-7](#). "[6] Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. [7] And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

[Psalm 55:22](#). "[22] Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

[Psalm 62:8](#). "[8] Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.")

The Deeper Meaning of **Preserve** (Natsar) in Psalm 31:23-24 and in Psalm 32:6-7.

Psalm 31:23-24

"[23] O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD **preserveth** the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

[24] Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."

Psalm 32:6-7

"[6] For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

[7] Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt **preserve** me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah."

➤ Preserve in Hebrew is natsar. Natsar means to guard, protect, **maintain**, keep, **preserve**. (See Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.)

➤ According to Webster's 1828 dictionary (Webster), the word **maintain** has the following meanings or applications:

"1. ... to preserve...not to suffer to fail or decline;..."

"2. To hold; to keep; not to lose or surrender..."

"3. To continue; not to suffer to cease..."

"4. To keep up; to uphold; to support the expense of; ..."

"5. To support with food, clothing and other conveniences..."

"7. To support; to defend;... to justify; ..."

When God **preserves** us, He is maintaining us. When He **maintains** us, God is not allowing us to fail (if we walk uprightly); not losing us because we love Him (if we are His); not allowing us to cease; upholding us; providing for all our physical and financial needs; defending us; and justifying* us (just-as-if-I-never-sinned) (through Jesus Christ, a true believer's Lord and Savior).

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