



WHO I AM
ABOUNDING IN LOYAL LOVE

Exodus 34:6-7

(6) The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **loyal love** and faithfulness...

Loyal Love

God's faithful, extravagant,
covenant-keeping love
expressed in action
towards His people.

John 13:1-11

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Christ's **LOYAL LOVE**
cleanses believers and
moves us to extend
that same love to
others.



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CONTEXT

1. We need to look at the synoptic gospels to understand what else is happening.
2. There is no mentioning of a servant being present in the upper room.
3. The disciples were arguing about who was the greatest.

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AGAPE is the
Greek parallel for
the Hebrew word
CHESED.

Chesed vs. Agape

Covenant Loyal	Relationally Intentional
Enduring	Enduring
Faithful	Faithful
Action-Oriented	Action-Oriented
Given to the Undeserving	Given to the Undeserving
Sacrificial	Sacrificial
Consistent	Consistent
Benevolent	Benevolent

Chesed (Exodus 34)

God's Loving Covenant Promise

Agape (John 13)

God's loving fulfilment through
Christ.

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LOVE (Agape)

Is Christ's motivation for his actions.

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”To the End”

Reaching its final purpose or maximum

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Christ knew these
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humble service.

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“WASH”

Can refer to physical
washing **-OR-** Cleansing
from Sin

A Physical Reality
Illustrates
A Spiritual Reality

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A **Physical** Reality (Bath)

Illustrates

A **Spiritual** Reality (Justification)

A **Physical** Reality (Washing)

Illustrates

A **Spiritual** Reality (Sanctification)

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APPLICATION

1. Am I willing to receive Christ's love?
2. Do I walk in ongoing repentance?
3. Does my life illustrate Christ's humility and sacrificial love?



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