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EWTN VIRTUES SERIES SHOW # 8: LOVE:

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- I. **Charity, agape**
 - A. We use charity as human benevolence. Giving to the less fortunate.
 - B. the will loving God as supreme Good in Himself, for Himself alone, and others for his sake (CCC 1822-29)
 - C. To understand this better, gotta look at human loves

- II. **The 3 Natural Human Loves of C.S. Lewis' *The Four Loves***
 - A. *storga*: the affection that mothers naturally have for babies, pet owners have for pets, natives have for homeland
 - B. *eros*: desire for union proceeding from need
 - C. *philia*: friendship, highest human love
 - D. All can go bad without God

- III. **Agape, charity is divine love**
 - A. Aquinas defines it as friendship with God: no longer servile fear. Now fear of offending one you love.
 - B. John Paul II defines it as self-gift
 - C. loving God for himself & others for his sake
 - D. sharing in the generous gift-love of God himself, love without need

- IV. **Charity perfects justice**
 - A. Without grace, can't be Just. Yet grace makes us more than Just. Love of enemies goes beyond justice.
 - B. **Hope & charity**: different approaches to the feast of the Ascension
 - C. **Charity** is the form of all the virtues

- V. **Highest of all**
 - A. 1 Cor 13: the greatest of these is love
 - B. Twofold commandment

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