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Galatians Lesson

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1. Last week I taught Gal 5:5 and when the clock tolled 10:45 we had just completed an analysis of Gal 5:6 and when time expired I was reviewing the **Doctrine of Agape**.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:4-6.

### **Expanded Translation**

**Gal 5:4 For you see you who are trying to attain justification by keeping the Mosaic law; Christ has discharged you, in fact you are fallen from grace and are now on your own traveling dangerously in enemy territory without a means of communication when you run into repeated attacks.**

**Gal 5:5 For you see we by means of the work of God the Holy Spirit and His teaching ministry, we eagerly await the hope of a temporal righteousness as a product of faith.**

**Gal 5:6 For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith operating through and by means of doctrine resident in our souls.**

4. I want to review some of that learned and then resume the study of the *Doctrine of Agape*. We will review points 1-7 and then begin new material at point eight on page three.

### **Doctrine of Agape**

1. **Agape** love is commanded in Scripture. Here we find its power is contrasted with the impotence of circumcision and façade of law keeping.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy *understanding* (*Dianoia*).

2. In the Kingdom Age the negative people who did not accept the Messiah's offering were said to not love God.

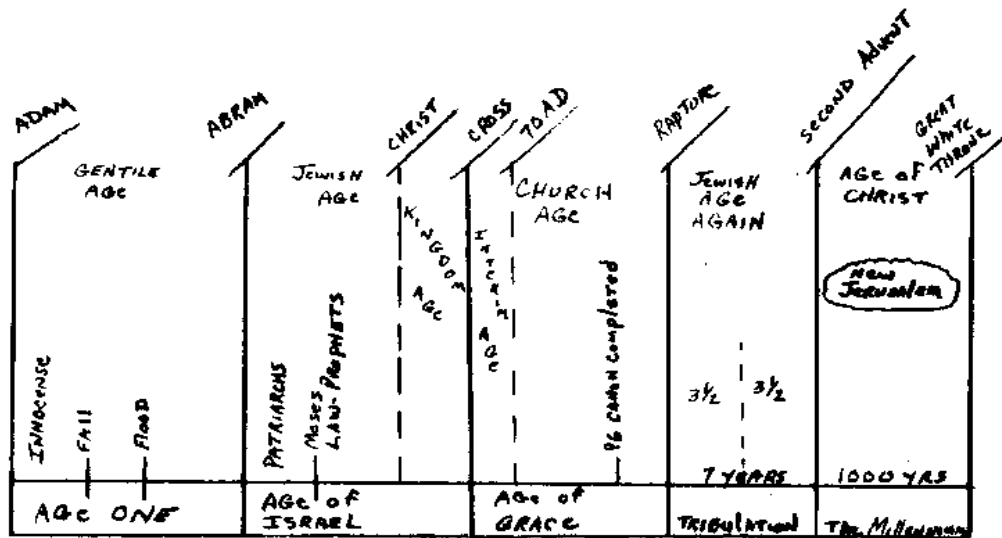
Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the **love** of God in you.

3. If you love God you will do what the Messiah orders -- a Kingdom Age command. Notice verse 16—when the Spirit comes then you will do what is revealed by the Spirit.

Joh 14:15 If ye **love** me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.



4. If you love God in the Kingdom Age there are a number of promises from Christ such as the indwelling of not only the Spirit but also the Son and the Father.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man **love** me, he will keep my words: and my Father will **love** him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

4.1 There are many passages that indicate all believers today are indwelt by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Joh 27:23, Joh 14:20 and Col 1:27 not only declare such indwelling but Joh 14:23 also makes clear we are loved with an **Agape** love.

Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and **have loved** them even as you have loved me.

Joh 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Col 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

5. God has provided subtle differences between the two New Testament words for love.

Joh 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**AGAPAO**) thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

Joh 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**AGAPAO**) thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Joh 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**PHILEO**) thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest (**PHILEO**) thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

6. Production in the Christian life is a product of doctrine in the right lobe which is provided by the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

7. The source of divine good is Bible doctrine:

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 **Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; **and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it,** and knew the grace of God in truth:

Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,** and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God **may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him** that hath called us to glory and virtue:

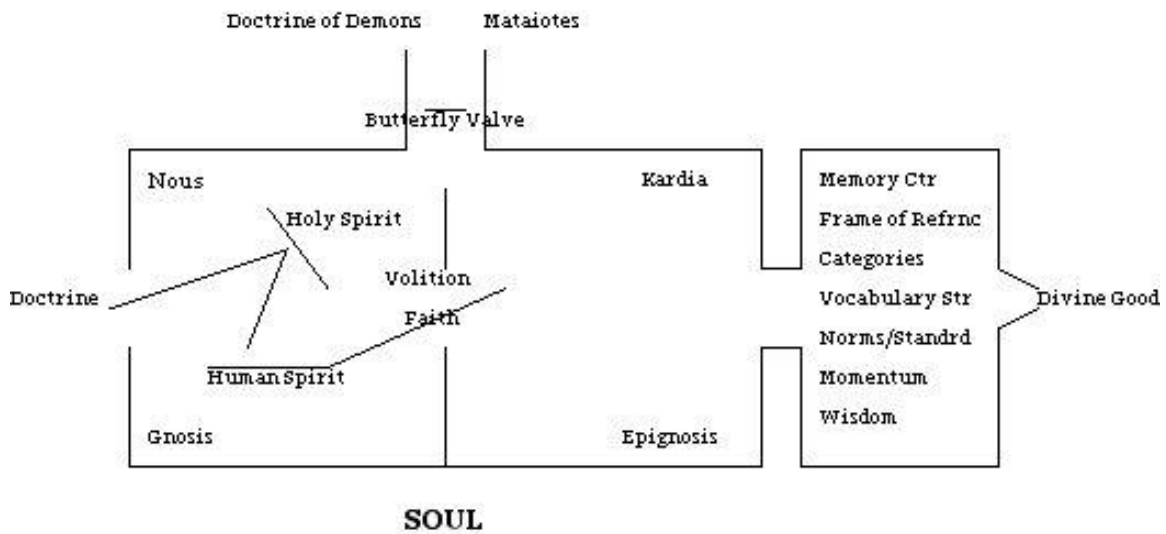
**2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

8. The love poured out in our hearts is a result of God's wonderful grace which provides equality to all believers.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love (**AGAPE**).

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love (**AGAPE**) of Christ, which passeth knowledge (**GNOSIS**), that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.



8.1 Thus the formula: Filling + Human IQ = Spiritual IQ + Z = Protocol Plan of God

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