

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:6 in part and when time expired I was just concluding 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 5:6.

### Expanded Translation

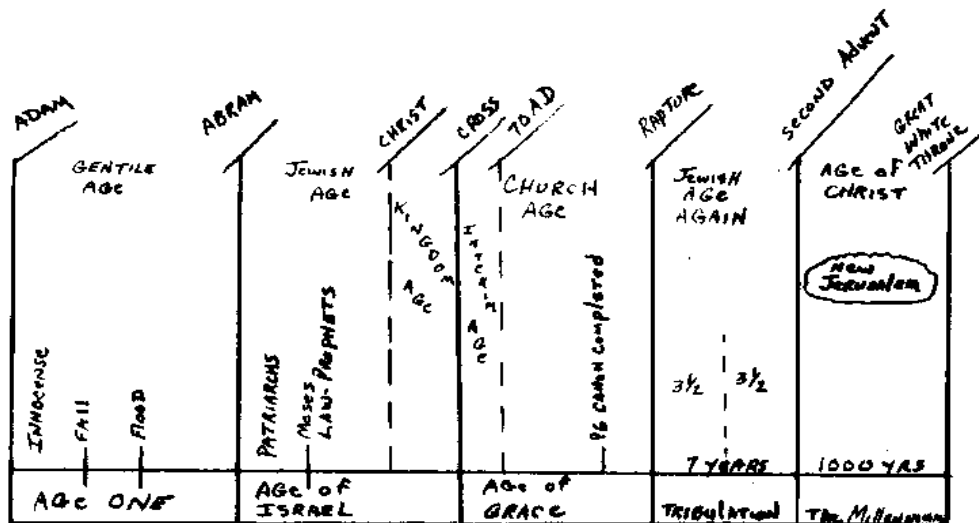
**Gal 5:6 For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith operating through and by means of doctrine resident in our souls.**

4. I want to review some of that learned and then resume the study of the *Doctrine of Agape*. We will review points 1-6 and then begin new material at point 6.1 on page three.

### Doctrine of Agape

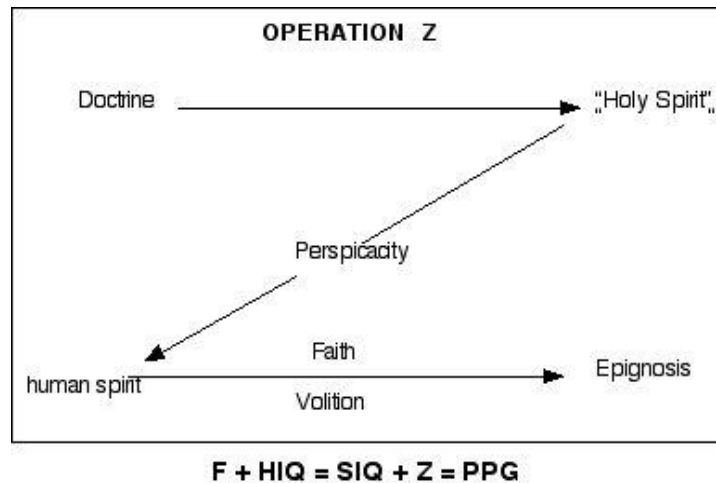
1. **Agape** love is commanded in Scripture. Here we find its power is contrasted with the impotence of circumcision and façade of law keeping. We learned last week of the many differences between the two Greek words translated “love.” The two words analyzed were **Agape** vis-à-vis **Philos**.

2. Think of yourself today on the time line in the Age of Grace. All the “divine good” displayed in time is **Agape**. So, you arrived, you learned and you performed as doctrine in your soul demanded: that is **Agape**. Keep in mind you were taught by God the Holy Spirit



3. God has provided subtle differences between the two New Testament words for love.  
Joh 21:15-17

4. Here is a question? How does any believer accept Christ when an unbeliever can't learn doctrine because he has no indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Let me answer that with a chart and an explanation.



5. Ok, so now I am saved, what next -produce divine good? the source of all divine good is Bible doctrine in the soul.

**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.**

6. The love poured out in our hearts is a result of God's wonderful grace which provides equality to all believers. Eph 3:17-18

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

6.2 The Holy Spirit when energized will teach doctrine to the Human Spirit so that it is academically understood.

1Co 2:9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who **love him**" --

1Co 2:10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1Co 2:13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

1Co 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1Co 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

7. Love of God reaches its acme at "spiritual maturity" as evidenced in Paul's attitude while imprisoned.

Phi 1:20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Phi 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phi 1:22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

Phi 1:23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

Phi 1:24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

7.1 The same is made clear by John in his descriptions of love. All of the loves in the next two verses are translations from AGAPE.

1Jo 4:17 Herein is our **love** made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1Jo 4:18 There is no fear in **love**; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

8. As a believer you acquire a love of God when you cycle doctrine in your soul.

9. Love toward God is the basis of blessing both for time and eternity. David said he would be blessed for he would stay in the Word; the source of Category I love –Love of God.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

10. Paul says the mystery doctrine of the Church Age reveals a panoply of blessings for the mature believer.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that **love** him.

11. Positive volition or love of God is a source of blessing.

Psa 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psa 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

11.1 The exilic prophet Daniel was certain blessing would flow to those who love the Lord.

Dan 9:4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who **love** him and obey his commands,

11.2 The Lord preserves the faithful and rejects the proud.

Psa 31:23 Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

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