

1. Last week I exegeted in part Gal 5:13 and when time expired we were about to begin a word study of the Greek word **sarx** translated “flesh.”



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 5:11-12.

#### Expanded Translation

**Gal 5:11** Now my brothers and sisters in Christ, if I were still preaching that people needed to be circumcised as some believe; how is it that I am even now suffering persecution from the legalistic agitators? If, I were so teaching circumcision, which I am not, the stumbling block of the cross would be removed.

**Gal 5:12** I certainly wish these agitators would go all the way and cut it all off. These agitators are all members of the circumcision party who began their opposition in Judea, sent members to Antioch Syria and continued to resist Paul for the next twenty or so years.

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of Gal 5:13 which in the KJV has been translated “**For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion ...**” noting it might better be rendered “*But you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you were called to be free; but do not use your freedom to indulge ...*”

5. Gal 5:13 has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

6. **Sarx** appears more than 150 times in the New Testament where it is translated most often flesh. We do find it translated “carnal” and “carnally.” Examples:

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no **flesh** be justified.

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our **flesh**, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Rom 8:6 For to be **carnally** minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the **carnal** mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the **flesh** cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the **flesh**, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1Ti 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

1Ti 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the **flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

BUT BY LOVE. *αλλα δια ο αγαπη*

1. **Alla Dia Ho Agape** is better translated “but in contrast through and by means of Bible Doctrine in your souls ...”

2. **Alla** is an adversative conjunction followed by the preposition **Dia** and the monadic noun **Agape**.

3. **Agape** appears more than 100 times in the New Testament where it is translated in the KJV as “love, charitably, charity” and “feasts of charity.” In the vast majority of cases **Agape** is translated “love.” The verb form of **Agape** is **Agapao** which appears some 30 times in the Scripture and is translated variously in the KJV as “loved, love” or “has loved.” Examples:

Rom 5:3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

Rom 5:4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

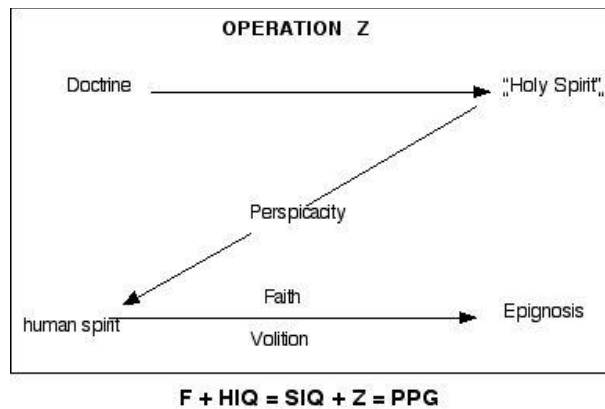
Rom 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his **love** into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

3.1 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**.

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 of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.



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

3.3 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 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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.

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

### **Expanded Translation:**

**Eph 3:18 In order that you may be able to comprehend together with other Christians in Bible class a full and complete understanding of Doctrine**

**Eph 3:19 and therefore know the love of God which superabounds by means of doctrine in your right lobes with the fullness of God.**

5. Now for the phrase "serve one another."

SERVE ONE ANOTHER. ΔΟΥΛΕΥΩ ἀλλήλων.

1. **Douleuo Allelon** is better translated "you must serve one another."

2. **Douleuo** is a verb parsed as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural present active imperative and the reflexive pronoun **Allelon**.

3. **Douleuo** appears more than 25 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated "be in slavery, be in bondage, to serve" or "to be a devoted servant."

4. The term "servant" or "bond slave" (**Doulos**) is often used by Paul to describe his total dedication to his job as an apostle.

Rom 1:1 Paul, a "**servant**" of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

4.1 Paul warns against the slavery of legalism and exhorts all believers to eschew the slavery of the law.

Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the **slave** woman and the other by the free woman.

Gal 4:23 His son by the **slave** woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.

Gal 4:24 These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be **slaves**: This is Hagar ...

Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the **slave** woman and her son, for the **slave** woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."

Gal 4:31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the **slave** woman, but of the free woman.

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