

1. Last week I exegeted in part Gal 5:14. When time expired we were reviewing several high-lights from the *Doctrine of the Mosaic Law*.
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 5:11-13.

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.

Gal 5:13 But you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge your sinful natures; but in contrast you must by means of Bible Doctrine resident in your souls serve one another.

4. Let's resume the exegesis of Gal 5:14.
5. Gal 5:14 has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

6. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page three.
7. Paul reminds the Galatians the whole law is fulfilled in the phrase "Love your neighbor as yourself."

FOR ALL THE LAW Γαρ πασ ο νομος

1. **Gar Pas Ho Nomos** is better translated "For the entire Mosaic Law can be summed up in a single command ..."

2. **Gar** is an explanatory particle followed by the adjective **Pas** and the monadic noun **Nomos** declined as a nominative singular.

3. Paul reminds his readers of the spirit of the law: “to love thy neighbor as thyself.” This was made clear by the Lord Jesus Christ and James, the half-brother of the Lord.

4. The recipient of the Mosaic law was Israel. Exo 19:3-8

5. The function of the law in its Old Testament and early Kingdom Age usage ceased with the coming of John the Baptist. Luk 16:16

6. Christ fulfilled the law completely. Mat 15:17-18

7. As a code of conduct, spiritually speaking, Church Age believers must never place themselves under the Mosaic law. To impose such laws on others as tests of spiritual maturity is a sign of Christian immaturity and error. Gal 2:20-21

8. Christ is therefore the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes. Rom 10:4

9. What then is the function of the law today?

9.1 The law is said to be a tutor that takes the unbeliever to Christ; it makes clear how short unregenerate man falls of God’s impossible standards. Gal 3:24

9.2 The law is still a perfect standard for a nation desiring peace, stability and tranquility. 1Ti 1:8-10

10. Believers in the Church Age are under a higher law; it is called the perfect law of liberty. Jam 1:23-25; 2:12

11. Keeping the Mosaic law, in a spiritual sense, was always limited.

11.1 It could never justify. Rom 3:20,28 and Acts 13:39

11.2 It could never provide the indwelling or the filling of the Holy Spirit. Gal 3:1-5

11.3 It could never provide life. Gal 3:21

11.4 It could never provide a solution to the problem of controlling your old sin nature. Rom 8:3-4

11.5 It could never bring salvation; the Levitical offerings and sacrifices were only training aids. Heb 10:6

12. The law is mentioned often in many books of the Bible. Its importance is amplified in the book of Proverbs. Just a hint of relative prepotency is provided in Pro 6:16-19.

13. Now for the phrase “is fulfilled in one word.”

IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD πληροω εν ενι λογος

1. **Pleroo En Heni Logos** is better translated “is summed up in a single phrase ...”

2. **Pleroo** is a verb parsed as a 3rd person singular perfect passive indicative followed by the preposition **En** and the particle **Heni** and the noun **Logos** declined as a locative singular.

3. **Pleroo** appears more than 80 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “fulfilled, fulfil, being filled” and “be filled.” Examples:

Acts 13:25 As John was **completing** his work, he said: 'Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

Rom 1:29 Being **filled** with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Rom 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be **filled** with the Spirit.

Eph 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

2Th 1:11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may **fulfill** every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2Th 1:12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Co 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

2Co 10:4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2Co 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2Co 10:6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is **complete**.

2Co 10:7 You are looking only on the surface of things. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, he should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as he.

2Co 10:8 For even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than pulling you down, I will not be ashamed of it.

2Co 10:9 I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters.

2Co 10:10 For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing."

2Co 10:11 Such people should realize that what we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be in our actions when we are present.

4. **Heni** is short for **Henesti** which appears five times in the New Testament where it is translated "there" or "there is." Examples:

Gal 3:28 **There is** neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Col 3:11 Here **there is** no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Jam 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom **is** no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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.

5. **Logos** appears more than 250 times in Scripture where it is translated "word, words, mouth" or "speech." In Acts chapter fifteen we find it used in verses: 24, 27, 32, 35 and verse 36.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with **words**, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

Acts 15:25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
Acts 15:26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 15:27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by **mouth**.



Acts 15:34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.
Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the **word** of the Lord, with many others also.
Acts 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the **word** of the Lord, and see how they do.



6. The phrase found in the KJV “even in this” is not found in the better manuscripts. Notice its absence in the NIV translation.

Gal 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

7. Let's see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:14 For the entire Mosaic Law can be summed-up in a singular phrase ...

7. Now for the phrase “thou shalt love thy neighbor.”

THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR αγαπαο ο πλησιον

1. **Agapao Ho Plesion** is well translated “thou shalt love thy neighbor ...”

2. **Agapao** is a verb parsed as a 3rd person singular future active indicative followed by the monadic noun **Plesion** declined as an accusative singular.

4. Now for the phrase “as thyself.”

AS THYSELF. ΩΣ ΣΕΑΥΤΟΥ.

1. **Hos Seautou** is well translated “as thyself.”

2. **Hos** is an adverb followed by the reflexive pronoun **Seautou**.

3. Let's look at the Scripture development of this very familiar concept demanded from each of us as believers.

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy **neighbour** as thyself: I am the LORD.

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour**, and hate thine enemy.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Rom 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Jam 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**, ye do well:

Jam 2:9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

4. Now let's see how our entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:14 For the entire Mosaic Law can be summed up in a single command, "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

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