

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:17 by way of the *Doctrine of the Three Classes of Men*.

2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary and to again pray for the families of the deceased, and those injured in the cowardly shooting of our Jewish friends in Pittsburgh. For warnings about Anti-Semitism see my *Doctrine of Anti-Semitism* which can be found on the internet in the 9-26-18, Esther lesson. We should always be Pro-Semitic if we are to receive the blessings promised in Gen 12:3.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Introduction to Galatians Lesson dated 11-4-18

1. Last week, I brushed over four prophecies found in Gal 3:14-15. I want to correct that this morning. First let's look at the verses written in c. 1490 B.C.
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Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Expanded Translation

Gen 3:14 Then the Lord said to the Devil who had indwelt the serpent, "because you have successfully tempted Eve, you will from this point forward crawl on your belly in the dust of the earth. You will be forever a reptile.

Gen 3:15 And I will put animosity between you, Satan and the woman Eve and between your followers and her followers. The Christ will crush your head though you will bruise His heel.

2. Now let' me give you four prophecies found in these two verses:

- Curse of the snake
- Enmity between Satan and Eve – notice only Eve, not Adam and Eve thus a prophesy of the Virgin birth
- Enmity between Satan's followers—demons/unbelievers and humanity/believing mankind
- Christ at His 2nd Advent will destroy Satan and his subalterns though Christ will suffer and die on the cross and thus be bruised

3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:15-17.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:15 Now my brothers and sisters in Christ if you reject the command to love one another but instead, you keep on hating and speaking ill against one another, such conduct will no doubt end up destroying the entire church.

Gal 5:16 Clearly, if you rebound when necessary and consistently take in the Word of God, you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not necessarily, to do whatever you want.

4. Let's review some of what we learned about the natural, carnal and spiritual man and then we will begin new material on page four at point 8.1.

5. "The natural man receiveth not the things [the revealed or deep things] of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

5.1 Human wisdom cannot help him, for "the world by wisdom knew not God."

5.2 A trained mind may or may not assist in learning; but apart from the presence of the indwelling Teacher, a trained mind avails nothing in coming to know the spiritual meaning of the revealed things of God.

5.3 The "natural man," with all his learning and sincerity, will find nothing but "foolishness" in the things which are revealed by the Spirit. Recall John Wesley's and perhaps Charles Wesley's predicament.

6. Some Christians are said to be "carnal" and can receive only the milk of the Word, in contrast to strong meat.

6.1 Though saved, the carnal Christians are walking "according to the course of this world." They are "carnal" because the flesh is dominating them.

6.2 The "carnal" man, or "babe in Christ," is not "able to bear" the deep things of God. He is only a babe; but it is important to note that even in his carnality he is infinitely superior to the natural man **and can never be compared with the utter incapacity of the "natural man."**

6.3 The objectives and affections of the carnal man are centered in the same unspiritual sphere as that of the "natural" man.

7. The third classification of man addressed in our passages is the spiritual man. He is proven to be all that he is said to be by one test: his ability to receive and know divine revelation.

7.1 As Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "He that is spiritual discerns all things." The journey of the spiritual man can be summarized as follows:

First, there is faith alone in Christ alone.

Second, positive volition results in divine revelation.

Third, basic doctrines are presented at first and if positive volition continues, God the Holy Spirit will teach the more complex doctrines called "the deep things of God."

Fourth, the divine wisdom is hidden in the very words of God's Book; but the spiritual content of these words is understood only as the Holy Spirit is able to compare spiritual things with spiritual.

Fifth, he that is spiritual discerns all things. There is no limitation upon him in the realm of the things of God. He can "freely" receive the divine revelation and he glories in it. He discerns all things.

8. Now we are ready for new material and a short summary of what the Holy Spirit has done and will do.

8.1 In the Kingdom Age the Spirit was active before the birth of Jesus and up to His ascension.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit:

8.2 Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

8.3 The Spirit descended upon Christ at the time of His baptism.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightaway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

8.4 Then, being "full of the Holy Ghost" Jesus "was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." The Spirit empowered and qualified the Messiah for His official task of destroying the kingdom of Satan and of establishing the kingdom of God.

Luk 4:1 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

8.5 Soon after His declaration of war against Satan, the Saviour "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

8.6 He read in the synagogue from Isa 61:1-2a. about the coming Messiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ..." (Luk 4:18) and said: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luk 4:21)

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luk 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luk 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

8.7 Jesus told Nicodemus that "except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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