

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:17 by way of the *Doctrine of the Three Classes of Men*. When the clock tolled 11:45 I had just begun teaching a summary of what the Holy Spirit has done and will do.
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 5:15-17.

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

4.1 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:

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 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.

4.6 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-Isa 61:1-2)

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;

4.7 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.

4.8 By the Spirit Jesus cast out demons and warned of the sin of blasphemy.

*Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you ...

Mat 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
Mat 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

*Footnote: Jesus concludes His discussion with the scribes. Expositors' writes: "No longer does He attempt to reason with them. Now he solemnly warns them. 'You do not really believe your own theory; You are ... mistaken, you are men in a very perilous moral condition.'" H. A. Ironside has concluded, "To Sin against Him as Man is pardonable—but to reject Him as God is fatal." Kenneth Wuest concludes, "The words recorded in Mat 12:28-32 speak of the actions of the scribes, who deliberately and knowingly attributed the work of the Lord to Satan, and to do this is to break the attesting power of the miracles that Jesus was performing. This is the so-called **unpardonable blasphemy**" No less a Bible teacher than Col. R.B. Thieme has concluded the unpardonable blasphemy was a blasphemy unique to the age of the hypostatic union. Col. Thieme also has taught that the unpardonable sin is a failure to heed the convicting ministry of God the Holy Spirit, ergo, a failure to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

4.9 Jesus promised His disciples to pray to the Father that He would give them "another Comforter, the Spirit of truth."

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

4.10 Sustained by the Spirit, Jesus had set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem. As at the beginning, so at the end, Jesus resisted Satan's ever-present temptation to save His people and establish His Kingdom by means other than that of dying in their place for their sins.

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
Mat 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.
Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
Mat 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
Mat 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

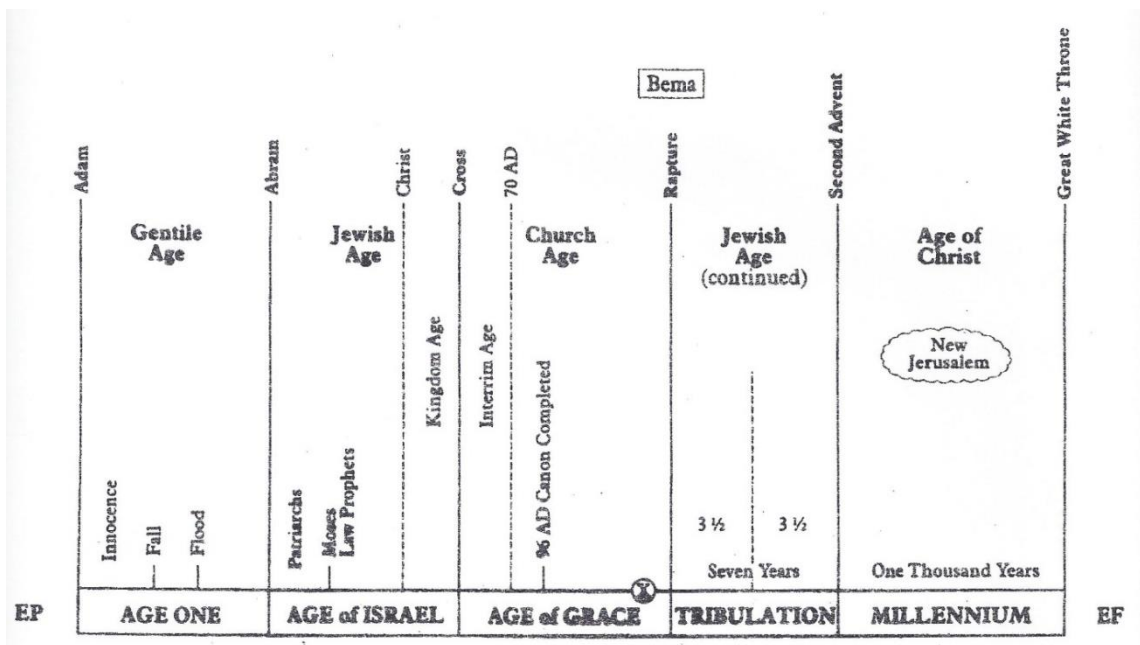
Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

4.11 Our Savior was sustained by the Spirit in all of His redeeming work. With the assistance of the Spirit He could say: "It is finished" and could commend His spirit unto the Father.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

4.12 It was finished indeed. Jesus died but rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven. Now He is glorified. In accordance with His promise He did send forth His Spirit.

5. At the first New Testament Pentecost the church entered into a new age.



5.1 Before leaving for heaven, Jesus said to the Twelve: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

5.2 The wall of partition between Jew and Gentile was now finally removed and the unity of the Spirit was not only possible but should be preserved.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

5.3 In spite of persecution nothing could stop the people of God as they "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

6. By the renewing power of the Holy Spirit human minds can be liberated and renewed in their attitudes.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

7. We have learned a great deal about the Holy Spirit in this study. One thing certain, the Holy Spirit is an essential and equal member of the Trinity.

8. We are now ready for the exegesis of verse 18 but first I think it wise to review what we have done with Gal 5:15-17.

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9. Gal 5:18 has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

BUT IF YE BE LED ΔΕ ΕΑΝ ΑΓΩ

1. **De Ean Ago** is better translated “But since you are being led ...”

2. **De** is a conjunction used as an adversative followed by the 1st class conditional particle **Ean** and the verb **Ago** parsed as a 2nd person plural present passive indicative.

3. **Ean** is a conditional particle. There are three conditional particles: 1st class meaning if and it is true, 2nd class, if and it is not true, a third class meaning if and it may or may not be true.

4. **Ago** appears more than 70 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “brought, bringing, to bring, leadeth, were led, be led” and “led away.”
Examples:

Acts 23:31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and **brought** him by night to Antipatris (a city 40 miles from Jerusalem 400 foot-soldiers return to city)

Acts 23:32 On the morrow they left the (70) horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

Acts 23:33 Who, when they came to Caesarea and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

Rom 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God **leadeth** thee to repentance?

Rom 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Rom 8:14 For as many as **are led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and **lead** captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5. Being led by the Spirit requires the believer to understand the characteristics of the Old Sin Nature.

5.1 Every positive believer is a soldier engaged in a battle for control of his very own soul.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

5.2 The enemy is not outside the wire; the enemy resides within -- The Old Sin Nature?

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