Doctrine of Love 7-28-21

1. Last week we taught the **Doctrine of Giving Part Two**. We then began a study of the **Doctrine of Love**. Let's review some of that learned last week and then pick-up with new material at point 10.2 on page four. First, however we need to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

### **Doctrine of Love**

### Introduction

1. Let's begin by reviewing a point or two about Christ's love:

### **Christ's Love**

- 1. A person's love is no stronger than the character of the one who initiates the love. The character of Jesus is perfect therefore His love is perfect.
- 2. This perfection "cannot" be matched. We love Him as our character is strengthened from doctrine in the soul. Jesus' love for us however does not in any way depend upon us.
- 3. Therefore Jesus' love depends on whom and what Christ is and not whom and what we are. Christ has found a way for man to respond to His love. 1Co 2:16; 1Jo 4:19
- 4. We respond to the love of Christ by taking in His mind. The more we take in the word the more we become like Him and thus love Him.
- 5. Doctrine must be in the soul of the believer before we can respond to the love of Christ. We cannot love Christ unless we know Him and this can only come from Doctrine resident in the soul.

# **Categories of Love**

### Introduction

1. Love comes in five categories.

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- 1.1 Category I is a love toward God.
- 1.2 Category II is a love toward Right Man or Right Woman.
- 1.3 Category III is a love toward Friends.
- 1.4 Category IV is a love toward all believers with a relaxed mental attitude even if you have no positive feelings toward them.
- 1.5 Category V is a familial love between parent and children.

#### Cat I Love

- 1. Category one love is commanded in Scripture.
- 2. Category I love is commanded in both the Old and New Testaments. Deu 6:5; 10:12; Mat 22:37
- 3. In the Kingdom Age negative people who did not accept the Messiah were said to not love God. Joh 5:41-43
- 4. If you love God, you will do what Christ tells you to do. Joh 14:15-17
- 4.1 In a discourse with the Scribes Christ made an interesting comment in answer to the question "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" The answer from our Lord: "believe on him whom he hath sent."

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

- 5. If you love God in the Kingdom Age there are a number of promises from Christ such as the indwelling of not only the Spirit but also the Son and the Father. Joh 14:23
- 5.1 There are many passages that indicate all believers today are indwelt by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Joh 7:37-39; 14:20; 17:22-23 and Col 1:27

- 6. God has provided subtle differences between the two New Testament words for love. See how the resurrected Lord used the two words in His discourse with the apostle Peter. Joh 21:15-17
- 7. Production in the Christian life is a product of Doctrine in the right lobe which is provided by the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. This certainly includes our positive reaction to suffering. Rom 5:3-5
- 7.1 The love poured out in our hearts is a result of God's wonderful grace which provides equality to all believers. Eph 3:17-19
- 1Co 2:11 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.
- 7.2 The Holy Spirit when energized will teach doctrine to the Human Spirit so that it is academically understood.
- 8. Love of God reaches its acme at "spiritual maturity" as evidenced in Paul's attitude while imprisoned. Phi 1:20-24

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.

- 8.1 The same is made clear by John in his descriptions of love. All of the loves in the next two verses are from AGAPE. 1Jo 4:17-18
- 9. As a believer you acquire Category I love when you cycle doctrine in your soul. Love toward God is the basis of blessing both for time and eternity.
- 10. David said he would be blessed for he would stay in the Word; the source of Category I love. Psa 23:5-6
- 10.1 Paul says the mystery doctrine of the Church Age reveals a panoply of blessings for the mature believer. 1Co 2:7-8

10.2 Positive volition according to the Psalmist is the 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.

10.3 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,

10.4 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.

11. Category I love is also the basis for national blessing. Conversely negative volition to God's Word results in national destruction.

Deu 30:16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Hos 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.

Hos 4:2 There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

Hos 4:3 Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying.

Hos 4:4 "But let no man bring a charge, let no man accuse another, for your people are like those who bring charges against a priest.

Hos 4:5 You stumble day and night, and the prophets stumble with you. So I will destroy your mother--

Hos 4:6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.

12. Military victory is part of national blessing so accordingly Category I love is the ultimate weapon yielding military victory for the client nation.

Jos 23:10 One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised.

Jos 23:11 So be very careful to love the LORD your God.

13. There is a special curse for those who do not love the Lord.

1Co 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord--a curse be on him. Come, O Lord!

14. Salvation is of course a requisite for loving God.

1Jo 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

15. The filling of the Spirit is the first love response toward God, i.e., our act of rebound.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:11 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

16. Since the object of Category I love is God, we can only see Him through His Word.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

17. There is a promise that when you love God, He is said to know you.

1Co 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

18. The Crown of Life is provided to those who love God.

Jam 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

19. James promised special blessing to those who are rich in faith, they will share in the Kingdom promised to those who love God.

Jam 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

20. In summary we love God when we keep His Word.

1Jo 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Joh 6:30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

Joh 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

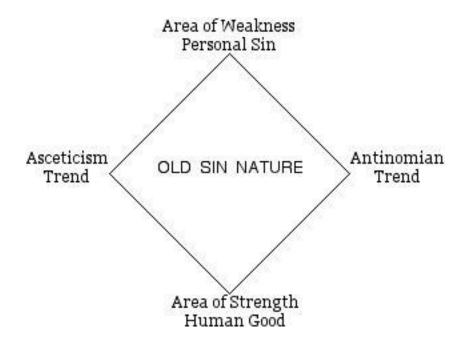
Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

21. Now let's see what we can learn from a study of Category II love.

## Response in the Woman's Soul

- 1. The woman from her own volition surrenders her freedom to the right man. This is soul and body response.
- 2. The right man should be "smarter" than the right woman.
- 1Ti 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- 1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- 1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- 3. To become one with a man a woman surrenders much of her privacy.
- 4. In response the woman is supposed to receive **Agape** from the man but ... life is sometimes a struggle.
- 5. A woman's reaction must be submission even to a bad situation.
- 6. The man and the woman must learn all about the souls of one another since marriage is soul submission first and then body submission.
- 7. A woman's soul is just like the man's. It has a nous, heart, stream of consciousness with the eight compartments, etc.
- 8. Many women have an infatuation with self and a great deal of vanity. She is very self-conscious and a gentleman will always allow for this as this is a natural characteristic of a woman.
- 9. When a woman falls in love she changes and tries to please her "bozo."
- 10. She has volition and woe to the man who does not understand this.
- 11. A woman becomes enthusiastic about her man and tries in her own way to please him. The man must cater to this enthusiasm and not squelch it.

- 12. Man is usually a fool in this regard.
- 13. A woman also has an Old Sin Nature and it is here that a man must use skill to protect her; he must be artful to let her make choices but guide the weaker vessel.



The Male as the Initiator

- 1. Man must love the woman based on who and what he is.
- 2. The male must never be a reactor.
- 3. The male must love her like his own body.
- 4. The male must always be a low-key performer and never aggressive physically toward his Right Woman. Category II Love Commanded
- 1. For the Right Man

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love (**Agapao**) your wives, even as Christ also loved (**Agapao**) the church, and gave himself for it;

## 2. For the Right Woman

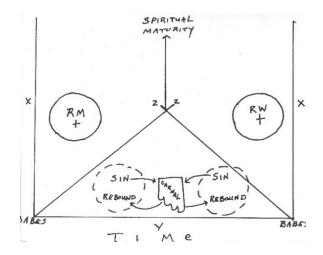
Tit 2:3 The more mature women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Tit 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

- 2.1 Both of the words for love in Tit 2:4 come from **Phileo**.
- 3. There is for everyone (except for the unique gift of celibacy) a husband or a wife.
- 4. The souls of the Right Man and Right Woman were created as one in eternity past before the creation of planet earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created (**Bara**) man in his own image, in the image of God created (**Bara**) he him; male and female created he them.

5. They are to come together in time as a compliment one to the other.



6. After the restoration of Planet Earth God first made a body for the soul of the man.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

7. Later God built (**Banah**) a body for the soul of the woman.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mat 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

Mat 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7.1 Jesus taught of a unisex format in heaven.

Mat 22:28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Mat 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

8. That the man and the woman are to be at oneness with one another is made clear in both the Old and the New Testament.

Pro 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Pro 5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

- 9. It was God who ordained the relationship in the Garden of Eden when He made woman out of man in order that she might be an essential completing associate for him.
- 10. Christ said "What God hath joined let not man put asunder."

11. The Holy Spirit inspired many Scriptures about the relationship of Category II Love and how it is to function.

### 11.1 The Mechanics for the Wife

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body.

### 11.2 The Mechanics for the Husband

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge (**Gnosis**), giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

# 11.3 The Mechanics for the both of them

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be *tender hearted*, be courteous:

- 12. The concept of soul rapport before sex is poetically communicated in the Song of Solomon.
- 13. The concept of Right Man and Right Woman, as a concept, beginning at birth is also communicated poetically.
- 14. The nature of love is explained in Song of Solomon 8:6 and 7.

Son 8:6 Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its desire unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Son 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be an act of total disrespect.

15. You will note death does not terminate love; it endures forever.

16. Violation of Category II provisions is very serious business because it can shut off your prayer life and can even result in demon control/possession for those who become infatuated with sex outside of marriage.

16.1 Prayers are cut-off when you are out of fellowship with your spouse.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; "that your prayers be not hindered."

16.2 The Father, Son and Holy Spirit indwell your body so don't degrade the Trinity with illicit sex.

1Co 6:1 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid ...

1Co 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

16.3 Category II Love must extend only to your spouse and no one else.

Pro 5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

Pro 5:2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Pro 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

Pro 5:4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Pro 5:6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are movable, that thou canst not know them.

Pro 5:7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

Pro 5:8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not night he door of her house:

16.4 The worship of idols in the various cultures of the gentiles such as the Canaanites with their worship of El, Zeus, Jupiter, etc. all had their sex athletes as central characters.

16.4.1 The same is true of the Babylonians with their worship of Ashtorath and Ishtar.

16.4.2 The same is true of the Ugarite with their Baal and Mot certainly to include the incestuous relationship with Aneth, etc.

16.4.3 The point: You cannot have illicit sex outside of marriage and not subject yourself to possible demon control.

### 16.5 Scriptures:

Luk 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

#### And

1Co 10:19 What say I then? That the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything?

1Co 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 And what relationship has Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.