

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:26 by way of the *Doctrine of Pride and Arrogance*. When the clock tolled 10:45 I was summarizing what we learned from verse twenty-six.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let's begin with an expanded translation of Gal 5:22-26.

**Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

**Gal 5:23 In this context forget the Mosaic Law, it has nothing to do with the production of the fruits of the Spirit.**

**Gal 5:24 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been severed from Christ; you accordingly have fallen from grace.**

**Gal 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us walk in step with the Spirit.**

**Gal 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

4. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material at point seven on page two.

### Summary Points

1. Paul introduces his teaching of liberty versus license with a discussion of pride and arrogance.

1Co 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

1Co 8:2 The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

2. Verses one and two serve as an introduction to a problem in Corinth.
3. Paul makes the point that knowledge on occasion leads to pride.

4. Christians are not exempt; there is often a tendency on the part of Christians to use doctrine in their soul as a source of prideful arrogance and condescension.

5. We sometimes look down our noses at our brothers and sisters in Christ who have less doctrine.

6. Given our human frailty our assessment of self is often wrong; we sometimes think or speak of another as being inferior, not as smart or not as spiritual.

7. Whether our judgments are right or wrong is not the issue. Paul makes clear we are our brother's keeper and have no business judging him or her.

8. What we are to do instead is to love them with Agape; the royal family honor code demands we respect our Christian brethren as fellow members of the body of Christ, each of whom is absolutely essential and without whom we are incomplete.

9. There is a fine line between the sin of pride and being confident.

10. It takes great and preposterous arrogance to think man could ever do anything acceptable to God.

Rom 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;  
Rom 3:11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.  
Rom 3:12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

11. Effectively then pride or arrogance is the basis for man's condemnation, and his failure to accept God's grace provision on the cross.

12. Little wonder Satan uses pride as his number one temptation to create schisms in the Body of Christ.

13. The Lord teaches His disciples in Mar 9:30-37 that there is no room in the Kingdom of Heaven for pride. To enter one must become like a trusting child.

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Mar 9:30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,

Mar 9:31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

Mar 9:32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Mar 9:33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

Mar 9:34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Mar 9:35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mar 9:36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

Mar 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

14. So in closing our study of pride we must keep in mind the seven deadly sins and the relative prepotency established in Pro 6:16-19.

Pro 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 **A proud look**, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Pro 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

15. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 6:1.

KJV-New Sentence

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Comments: I think the best way to teach Gal 6:1 is to review the *Doctrine of Agape*.

### **Doctrine Agape**

1. **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 “hast loved.”

2. Love comes in five categories.

2.1 Category I is a love toward God.

2.2 Category II is a love toward Right Man or Right Woman.

2.3 Category III is a love toward Friends.

2.4 Category IV is a love toward all believers with a relaxed mental attitude even if you have no positive feelings toward them.

2.5 Category V is a familial love between parent and children.

3. Love of God (Category I love) is commanded in Scripture.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

4. In the Kingdom Age the negative people who did not accept the Messiah's offering were said to not love God.

Joh 5:41 I receive not honor from men.

Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the **love** of God in you.

Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

5. If you love God you will do what Christ tells you to do; this is a Kingdom Age command.

Joh 14:15 If ye **love** me, keep my commandments.

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

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.

6. 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 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man **loves** me, he will keep my words: and my Father will **love** him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

6.1 There are many passages that indicate all believers today are indwelt by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Joh 17:22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and **have loved** them even as you have loved me.

Joh 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Col 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Joh 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

7. God has provided subtle differences between the two New Testament words for love.

Joh 21:8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

Joh 21:9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

Joh 21:10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

Joh 21:11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Joh 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Joh 21:13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

Joh 21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

Joh 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**AGAPAO**) thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

Joh 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**AGAPAO**) thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Joh 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest (**PHILEO**) thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest (**PHILEO**) thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love (**PHILEO**) thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

8. 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.

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.

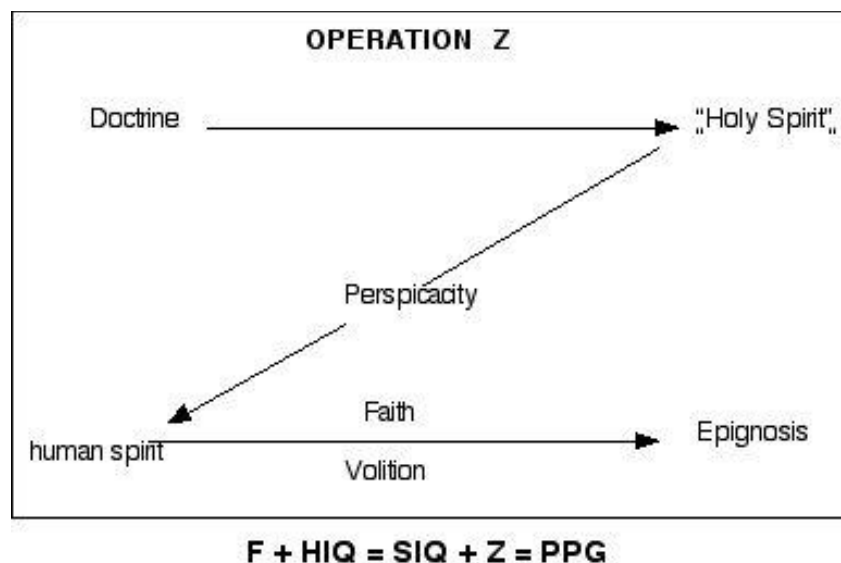
Rom 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his **love** into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

8.1 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 (**AGAPE**).

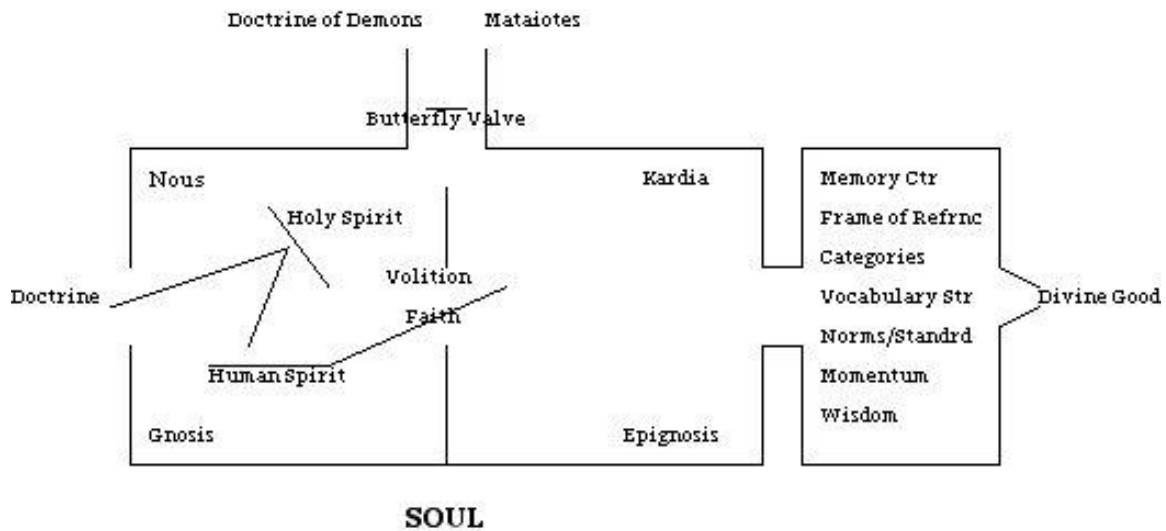
Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love (**AGAPE**) of Christ, which passeth knowledge (**GNOSIS**), that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.



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

8.3 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 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1Co 2:13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

1Co 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1Co 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

9. Love of God reaches its acme at "spiritual maturity" as evidenced in Paul's attitude while imprisoned.

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.

Phi 1:22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

Phi 1:23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

Phi 1:24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

9.1 The same is made clear by John in his descriptions of love. All of the loves in the next two verses are translations from **AGAPE**.

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.

10. 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.

11. Love toward God is the basis of blessing both for time and eternity.

11.1 David said he would be blessed for he would stay in the Word; the source of Category I love.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

11.2 Paul says the mystery doctrine of the Church Age reveals a panoply of blessings for the mature believer.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that **love** him.

11.3 Positive volition or love of God 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.

11.4 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,

11.5 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

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

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

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

