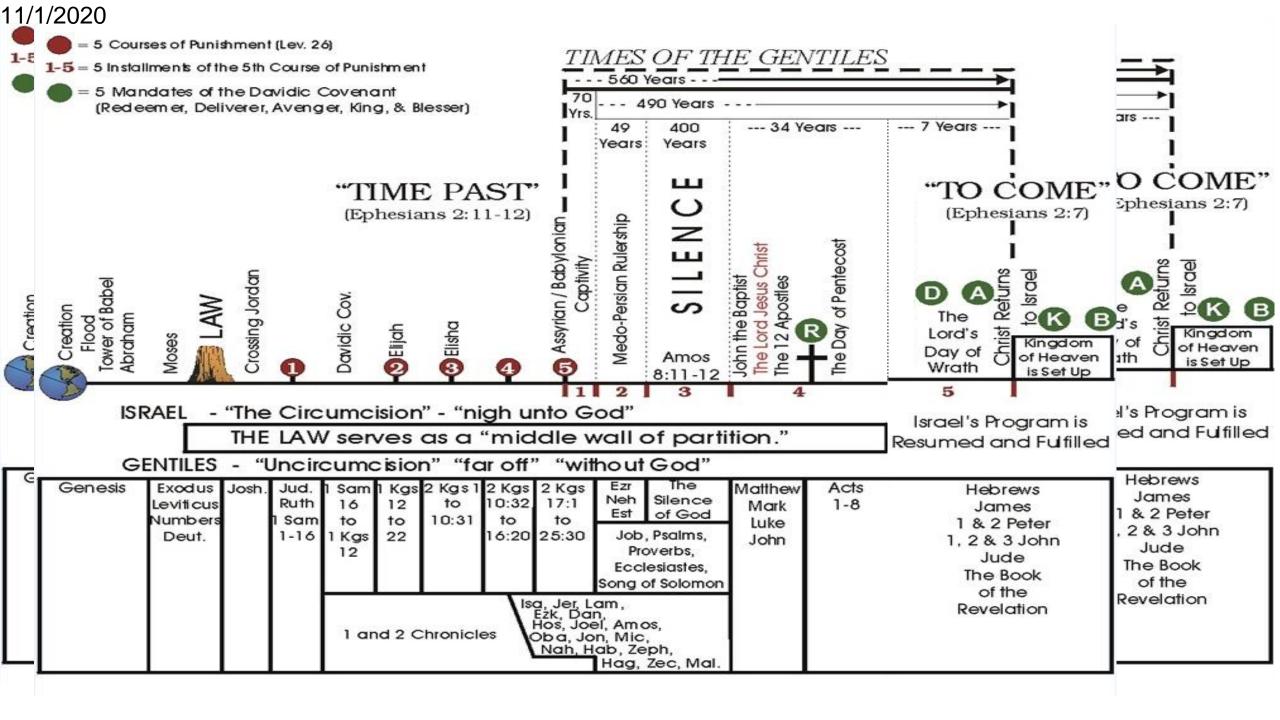
Genuine Agape Love (Pt. 2) Rom. 12:9-10



- 1. Now, the Romans needed to get their instruction from the Holy Spirit from Paul's Scriptures, and what they find there is that everything begins with GENUINE (AGAPE) LOVE that Pauline Grace Mystery Truth produces.
 - --Genuine Love isn't just one item in the list. It's the heading of the list, its basis, what everything else in the list flows out of.
- In Rom. 12:9-10, this Genuine (Agape) Love is the source of all other loves for the believer. Paul puts all other kinds of love under the ruling love of <u>Agape Love (v. 9)</u>:
 - --which is the basis for <u>Storge Love</u>—family/friendly love—KJV: being kindly affectioned one to another and having (v. 10a)
 --and basis for <u>Philadelphia Love</u>—love for the brethren—KJV:

brotherly love (v. 10b)

--And then back to Agape Love—Phil. 2:3-4. in honor prefer other

- 3. What is this Genuine (Agape) Love: So far, we have looked at:
 - a. <u>The Operating Principle of GENUINE LOVE (Phil. 2:1-8)</u>:
 - b. <u>The Motivation of GENUINE LOVE (Rom. 5:1-11)</u>
 - c. <u>The Extravagance of GENUINE LOVE (Eph. 2:1-10)</u>

- 4. Eph. 2:1-10: <u>The Extravagance of Genuine Love</u>
- a. Love loves the unlovely (2:1-3) living under the power of the course of this world and the prince of the air on the outside and selfish, fleshly lusts on the inside, worthy of wrath and death.
- b. Neither human reason nor the Law can overcome these powers—only the love of God at the Cross of Christ can (Rom. 8:2-3; Gal. 2:20-21)
- c. That Love is a GREAT (IMMEASURABLE) LOVE (2:4)—God's redemption of the unlovely through the death of Christ—RICH in mercy, rich in grace (2:4-5).
- d. This love unites us together with Christ in His resurrection, ascension and seating in the highest of Heights—above all powers in the heavenly places (1:20-23; 2:5-7)

5. (con't) Eph. 2:1-10: The Extravagance of Genuine Love

- Genuine Love while securely seated in the Heavenlies together with Christ serves God by serving others on this sin-cursed earth ruled by death, God doing His work of bringing life and righteousness in and through us, offering reconciliation to sinners—His poem, His work of art (2:10; 5:1-2; 1 Cor. 16:14; 2 Cor. 5:14, 18-20).
- f. The essential ingredient for unity in Christ is Genuine Love (Eph. 3:16-19; 4:1-3, 15-16; 6:23-24). Love is the ground believers are rooted in and grow, the foundation on which they are built and the atmosphere they breathe. Not just an aspect of "Christian" character but the whole Christian existence.