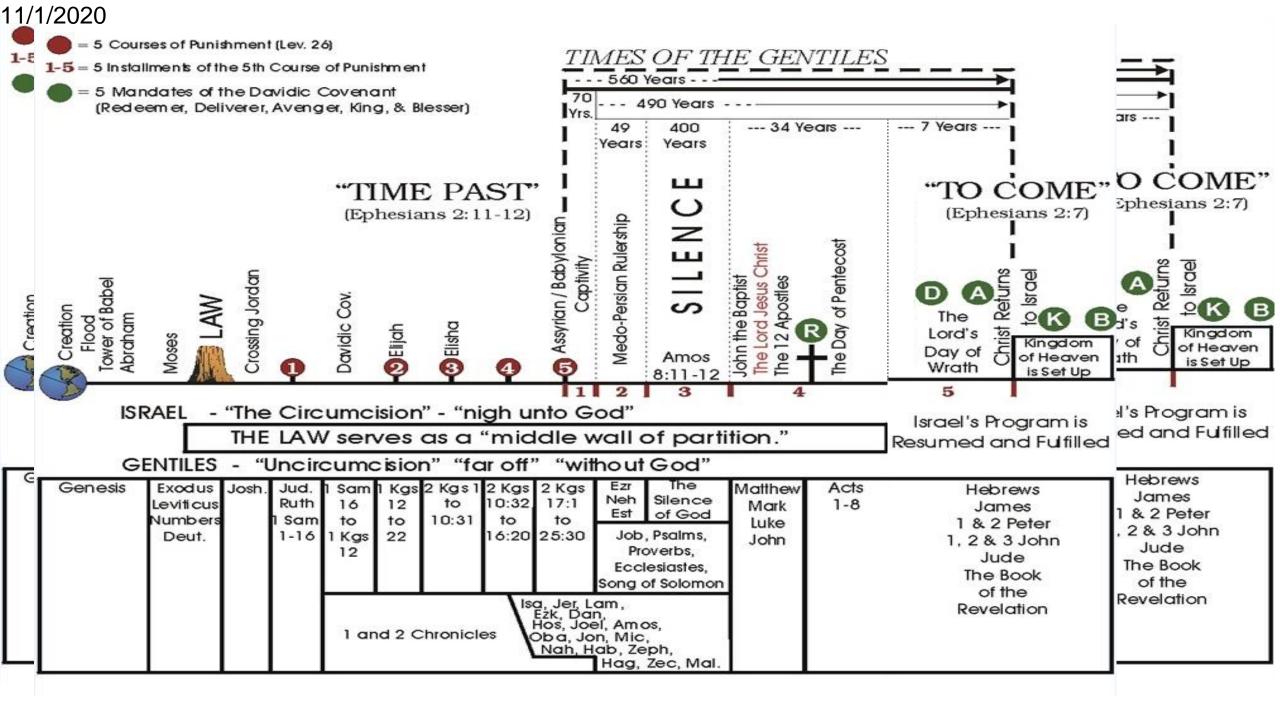
Genuine Agape Love (Pt. 4)

Gal. 5:1-23

The Liberating Power of Genuine Love



I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be

How marvelous! How wonderful!

Is my Savior's love for me

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be

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- 1. What is this Genuine (Agape) Love: So far, we have looked at:
 - a. The Operating Principle of GENUINE LOVE (Phil. 2:1-8):
 - b. The Motivation of GENUINE LOVE (Rom. 5:1-11)
 - c. The Extravagance of GENUINE LOVE (Eph. 2:1-10)
 - d. The Microscope of GENUINE LOVE (1 Cor. 13)

e. The Liberating Power of GENUINE LOVE (Gal. 5:1-23)

PAULINE GRACE MYSTERY SPIRIT TRUTH (PGMST)

- 2. Gal. 5:1-23: The Liberating Power of Genuine Love
 - a. Gal. 3:1-3: Returning to Law/Flesh System takes you away from the Grace/Spirit System that got them saved and that produces the Love to serve God freely. PGMST freed them from the Law so that they could Love others freely.
 - b. Gal. 2:20-21: Outside of PGMST, Christ's death is for nothing, and the Agape Love displayed there loses its power.
 - c. Gal. 4:1-7: Why would they want to go back to the Law/Flesh System that Christ had to come and redeem Israel from—all that happened to Israel under the Law was the Curses of the Law and the Courses of Punishment, culminating in her rejection of Christ!

- Gal. 5:1-23: The Liberating Power of Genuine Love
 - d. Gal. 4:8-10: They were freed from enslavement to the weak and beggarly elements of the world, and now they want to return to them? Foolishness!
 - e. Gal. 4:27-5:1: As ones who have received the promise of the Spirit from God, they should have responded like Sarah, who Rejoiced because that which was barren is now producing fruit! Cast out all Law/Flesh Systems!
 - f. In leaving Pauline Grace Truth by the Spirit of Christ living and working in and through them and going to the Law of works by the flesh, the Galatians were returning to the Law/Flesh System and were, therefore, marked by slavery to selfish interest and broken relationships (4:16; 5:15).

- 3. Returning to Pauline Grace and the Love it produces, the Spirit liberates them from all of this (5:13-26) to selflessly build up others in the Lord. You are freed to enjoy the Lord, what He did for us as sinners and MUCH MORE what He is now doing for us as reconciled to Him (Rom. 5:9-11)
- 4. As in 1 Cor. 13 (Love rejoices in the truth), the only thing that counts is Faith expressing itself through Love—Love -energizing and empowering and liberating--Faith (5:6).
- 5. Going back to a Law/Flesh System results in bondage that to the honest leads to despair and defeat to the honest or to the hypocritical boasting and pride, competing and devouring others.
 - --Either way, neither are Genuine Agape Love.

- 6. When we replace Pauline Grace Mystery Spirit Truth with anything else, even The Law, it leads to bondage because anything else is based on the flesh rather than the Spirit (5:1, 13-14; Rom. 7).
- 7. Remaining in or returning to PGMST frees us from bondage to the flesh and frees us to serve God by serving others selflessly for their benefit (5:13), esp., within the assembly without which it will self-destruct (5:15).
- 8. We don't need to go back to the Law because the Love PGMST produces fills full and overflows by the Spirit any love the Law demanded by the flesh (5:14).

- Gal. 5:1-23: The Liberating Power of Genuine Love (con't)
- 9. The Holy Spirit working through Pauline Grace Truth produces fruit, beginning with Love (5:22-23).
- 10. The Law was designed to point out what we do wrong, condemn and assign punishment. But in the spere of the Spirit where the fruit of the Spirit are produced it is always God's good and right things—for which no Law is needed or has any purpose (5:23).