

Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – October 12, 2014

"The Sphere of God's Love" – (Revelation 3:19)

Revelation 3:19 – *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent."*

From an article by Tommy Meekins: "Forgiveness, Faith, Hope and Love are excellent ways to 'shake it off and step up' out of every well of adversity." Revelation 3:19 shows us how we can do just that.

This verse has at least five major subjects; today we will analyze four of them:

- LOVE – AGAPE (αγαπε), PHILOS (φιλος)
- CHASTEN – PAIDEUO (παιδεύω)
- CONVICTION – ELEGCHO (ἐλέγχω)
- REPENT – METANOEO (μετανοήσων)

The fifth subject presented is ZEALOUS – (ζηλεύω) – to be enthusiastic towards, and pursue our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:19 Notes:

"As many as I love..." (philos from φιλέω)

1. The word *phileo* (verb) is used 25 times in the New Testament.
2. This is one of the words in the New Testament for love.
3. The word *philos* is translated friend and is a friendship kind of love, taking interest in someone, to treat affectionately or kindly or to have the same interest with another person.
4. God wants and expects us to be fonder of Him, more affectionate for Him, and take more interest in Him than in *all others*.
5. He wants us to *phileo* Him first, and above all else. Even above earthly father, mother, son, daughter, or *even our own life*. Read [I Corinthians 16:22](#); [Matthew 10:37](#); [John 12:25](#).

LOVE – AGAPE – PHILOS

- I. AGAPE – sacrificial, serving of others.
 - PHILOS – affectionate, rapport, constancy, veneration.
 - AGAPAO – suggests the love that values and esteems ([Revelation 12:11](#)), unselfish, ready to serve.
 - PHILEO – affection manifested ([John 21:15-17](#)), cherishing the object of love ([Romans 12:9, 10](#)).
 - AGAPE – deliberate, and without hypocrisy.
 - PHILOS – involves warmth & affection.
- II. AGAPE LOVE IS A SACRIFICIAL LOVE THAT IS COMMITTED TO SERVE OTHERS – I John 3:16 – *"This is how we know what love (AGAPE) is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us."*

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- III. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE ATTITUDE OF GOD TOWARD HIS SON, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO PROVIDE IN MEN THIS SAME KIND OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN LOVE, AND SO THAT THE LORD HIMSELF MAY BE IN THEM ([John 17:25, 26](#)).
- IV. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE SELF-SACRIFICING ATTITUDE OF GOD TOWARD MANKIND, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE FOR EVERYONE ([John 3:16; Romans 5:8](#)).
- V. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES THE *ATTITUDE* OF GOD TOWARD THOSE WHO BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH IS PURPOSED TO BLESS THEM WITH GOD'S AGAPE LOVE, AND RESULTS IN SHOWING HIMSELF TO THEM ([John 17:25, 26](#)).
- VI. ONE DEMONSTRATES AGAPE LOVE WHEN ONE OBEYS GOD ([I John 4:5, 21; II John 6](#)).
- VII. AGAPE LOVE DESCRIBES AN ESSENCE AND ESSENTIAL NATURE OF GOD ([I John 4:8](#)).
- VIII. THE AGAPE LOVE OF THE WORLD IS MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE FROM THE AGAPE LOVE OF GOD ([I John 2:15-17; John 5:41, 42](#)).
- IX. AGAPE LOVE IS EXPRESSED BY APPLYING PRINCIPLES FROM THE WORD OF GOD ([Philippians 1:9](#)).
- X. GOD REQUIRES THAT ONE *PHILEO* LOVE HIM FIRST AND FOREMOST, ABOVE ALL, TO BE WORTHY OF HIM; OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES ([Matthew 10:37; I Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 3:19](#)).

PHILOS – φιλος

Matthew 10:37 "Anyone who loves (*philos*) his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves (*philos*) his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me".

NOTICE – There is no command in the New Testament for the believer to (*phileo*) love God.

Nevertheless, "*anyone who (phileo) loves his father or mother more than Him is not worthy of God*". Although *philos* is a voluntary response, it nevertheless is an essential one to have toward God, above *phileo* love for all others, in order to be worthy of God. I Corinthians 16:22 – "*If anyone does not love (philei) the Lord – a curse be on him. Come, O Lord!*"

GOD REBUKES AND DISCIPLINES THOSE HE PHILEO LOVES ([Revelation 3:19](#)).

Phileo means admiration, veneration, esteem, affection, and cherishing – all voluntary.

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Look again at Revelation 3:19 – *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent."*

Revelation 3:19 Notes:

"I rebuke and chasten – ἐλέγχω καὶ παιδεύω

1. The word "convicted" is mentioned only once in the King James Version Bible, speaking of the woman that was caught in the act of adultery in [John 8:1-11](#).
2. The word translated "convicted" is the word "elegcho" (ἐλέγχω) and means to convict, to rebuke, reprove, admonish, to find fault with.
3. While the word "convicted" is found only once in the King James Bible, the original Greek word is translated *17 times* by the word reprove, rebuke, convince.
4. In [Revelation 3:19](#) the Lord brings the conviction; the conscience is that part of one's being where the conviction is brought to bear.
5. The purpose of the Lord's conviction is *never* to tear down a believer, but rather to bring about repentance, a change of attitude, and a change of direction.
6. The Holy Spirit has been placed in the Christian to cause recognition of the things that are morally and ethically right in the eyes of God. John 16:8 tells us: *"And when He is come, He will reprove (ἐλέγχω) the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment."*

"I rebuke (ἐλέγχω) and chasten (παιδεύω)"

The second word, *Paideuo*, is a compound word; the first part (*pais*) means *child*, the second means training and discipline. Thus, this compound word is used for schooling, training or disciplining as one would when training up a child. We will continue with this in the next session.