

## Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – October 12, 2014

### "The Purpose of God's Conviction" – (Revelation 3:19)

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

Note that in the Greek "As many as I love...", ἐγὼ ὅσους ἐὰν φιλω, the word EAN (ἐὰν) used just before PHILO (φιλω) is the same word used in a 3<sup>rd</sup> class conditional clause, meaning maybe the Lord will have PHILOS love for someone, and maybe He will not. This could then be translated: "As many as I (may) have rapport with". Not every person has *rapport* with Christ, some do not even believe in Him. It doesn't mean He does not love (AGAPE – have a right attitude toward) them; He died for them! So He may or may not have rapport with (PHILO) them.

#### Review from Last Session: LOVE – AGAPE – PHILOS

1. 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 21:15ff](#)), cherishing the object of love ([Romans 12:9, 10](#)).
  - AGAPE – deliberate, and without hypocrisy.
  - PHILOS – involves warmth & affection.
2. 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."
3. 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](#)).
4. 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](#)).
5. 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](#)).
6. One demonstrates agape love when one obeys God (Read [I John 4:1-21; II John 6](#)).  
*Propitiation*, in verse 10 of I John 4, means that God was *satisfied* with the work of His Son; after His resurrection, God the Father said in effect, "I am satisfied with what You have done."

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

Reviewing Notes from previous session:

"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."

More Revelation 3:19 Notes:

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

1. *Paideuo* is used for schooling, training or disciplining.
2. The word describes activity directed toward moral and spiritual development and influencing conscious will and action.
3. The word *paideuo* describes the training of children, to be instructed or taught or learn or to cause one to learn.
4. It is also used to describe molding the character of individuals by reproof and admonition.
5. It is a classroom word for drilling, discipline, instructing, as in "practice, practice, practice".
6. Two important quotes on the value of discipline:
  - Vance Havner – "You cannot sharpen an axe on a cake of butter"
  - John Trapp – "Better be pruned to grow than cut to burn".

Now look at the last part of Revelation 3:19 – "...be zealous therefore and repent."

**REPENT**

- I. NOUN – metanoia (μετάνοια) NOEO, from NOUS (mind), appended to META (change), thus the compound word means *CHANGE OF MIND*.
- II. VERB – metanoeo (μετανοέω)
- III. VERB – metamelomai (μεταμελομαι)

REPENT will be analyzed more fully next Wednesday night.