

Love for God Developed through Spiritual Growth: Esprit de Corps with the Word Results in Harmonious Rapport with God; *Kauchaomai*: Manifests Love for God

40. Divine unconditional love emphasizes the righteousness and justice of God. Divine personal love emphasizes God's righteousness in the believer. Grace is the policy of God toward sinful humanity.
41. From these principles we can readily see that the term the "integrity of God" is manifest by the esprit de corps that exists among the various attributes that make up His integrity: righteousness, justice, love, and grace.
42. The "integrity of God" is divine *esōterike harmonia*, the inner harmony that exists with each individual personality of the Trinity.
43. The "integrity of God" is also divine *exōterike harmonia*, the outer harmony that exists among the three personalities of the Godhead.
44. The divine provision of the completed canon of Scripture is a grace act that enables mankind to learn, acquire, and execute the righteous standards of God. In so doing the believer becomes just in his thoughts, decisions, and actions.
45. French moralist Joseph Joubert \zhü-ber\ wrote, "Force and Right rule the world: Force, till right is ready." His aphorism considers the fallen nature of unrighteous man and the need for justice to control his behavior.
46. From the divine viewpoint Joubert's quote might read this way: "Justice and Righteousness rule the world: what Righteousness demands, Justice executes."
47. The love of God is expressed through grace and grace is the policy through which God bestows His unmerited favor on sinful humanity.
48. When righteous standards are found in the soul of man and he is motivated to function under their guidance, he is a just, loving and gracious person.
49. As a result he has esprit de corps within his own soul, the *esōterike harmonia* of inner harmony.
50. At the same time he has esprit de corps with the Word of God, his source for integrity, the *exōterike harmonia* of outer harmony.
51. Esprit de corps with the Word of God results in esprit de corps with God: this is our expression of reciprocal love for God. Blessings and rewards are God's recognition of our esprit de corps with His integrity.
52. God's unconditional love initiated a relationship with fallen mankind expressed through the grace of the cross and the provision of the canon of Scripture.
53. With this evaluation in mind we can now incorporate these ideas into the verses we've been studying:

Romans 5:3 - Let us demonstrate esprit de corps [*καυχάομαι, kauchaomai*: the manifestation of love for God] in adversity [persecutions, trials, distressing circumstances], knowing that such adversity brings about courage [*ὑπομονή, hupomonē*: courage, honor, & integrity in time of disaster];

v. 4 - and courage under pressure brings about proven character [*δοκιμή, dokimē*: demonstrated integrity]; and proven character, brings about confident expectation [*ἐλπς, elpis*: in blessings from divine integrity];

Romans 5:5 - and confidence in God never disappoints because love for God has been poured out into our streams of consciousness [inculcation of biblical truth] through the agency of the Holy Spirit Who was given to us [indwelling of the Holy Spirit at salvation].

54. Remember the word that leads off verse 3: **καυχάομαι, *kauchaomai***, translated into the English in the KJV by “glory,” the NIV by “rejoice,” and the NASB by “exult.”