

The Attackers: Fellowship with God Only Possible under the Filling of the Spirit, 1 John 1:6–7; Relationship of GAP to the Stream of Consciousness & the Brain’s Memory Traces; Knowledge of the “Love of God,” Eph 3:19; Love Defined, 1 Cor 13:4–8a

- (18) But those “with Christ” have hope and may enjoy fellowship with God but only through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

**1 John 1:6** - If we say we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness [ περιπατῶμεν ἐν τῷ σκοτία (*peripatōmen en tō; skotia*): wheel-tracks of wickedness ], we lie and do not practice the truth.

**v. 7** - But if we walk in the light [ περιπατῶμεν ἐν τῷ φωτί (*peripatōmen en tō; photi*): wheel-tracks of righteousness ] as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- (19) This fellowship with God occurs during the major expression of worship available to the royal family – the didactical ministry of the Holy Spirit as Teacher and the believer as student in the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics.
- (20) Under the principle of **διδασκτικός** (*didaktos*), the believer is taught Bible doctrine. The Holy Spirit takes the doctrine communicated by the pastor and makes it understandable to the believer’s human spirit.
- (21) Academic understanding is realized in the association cortex where human volition must then accept or reject the information as truth or foolishness.
- (22) If positive volition concurs then the doctrinal student understands the spiritual content of the doctrine – **μανθάνω** (*manthanō*): knowledge that results from being taught and which has the power to result in a changed behavior pattern.

- (23) Positive volition permits the Holy Spirit to take the doctrine and distribute it into the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness.
- (24) This doctrine is also stored in a memory trace which is permanently established in the brain as electrochemical transmitters communicate the data from one neuron to another through axons, dendrites, and synapses.
- (25) Once the knowledge is encoded into the brain's long-term memory, it is permanently available for recall and consideration under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.
- (26) This is the end result of the Holy Spirit converting γνῶσις to ἐπίγνωσις. Paul writes that with the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, the believer can acquire a knowledge which goes beyond *gnosis*:

**Ephesians 3:19** - ... to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (NASB)

- (27) The word "know" is the aorist active infinitive of the verb γινώσκω (*ginōskō*): to come to know, or intelligent comprehension.
- (28) The aorist ingressive is a command to begin an action and puts stress on the urgency of the action.<sup>1</sup>
- (29) So believers are mandated to begin the process of intelligent comprehension of the love of Christ. The word "love" is the accusative singular of the noun ἀγάπη (*agape*): a mental attitude directed toward someone else. It requires sophistication regarding the absence of any mental attitude sins.
- (30) Believers are commanded by the Lord to "love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34).

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel B. Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 719.

(31) It is important to define what love is in order for a person to come to know how to do it.

**1 Corinthians 13:4** - Love keeps on being patient when dealing with others, love is kind by treating others with grace and love is not envious or jealous; love does not seek to aggrandize self and love is not arrogant,

**v. 5** - love does not act dishonorably; love does not seek its own gratification, nor is love easily provoked and, it is not resentful of wrongs done,

**v. 6** - love does not take pleasure in problems suffered by others, but instead takes pleasure in the truth;

**v. 7** - love keeps all things confidential, love believes all things are under the Lord's control, love has confidence in all things promised, love endures all circumstances as being God's will.

**v. 8a** - Love never fails.