

## Free From Sin to Grow in Grace Session 3 Notes

### Romans 5:3-5 TPT

**But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. 4 And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. 5 And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!**

**Verse 5 KJV – “because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.”**

**Shed abroad** – G1632 – *ekcheo*

- I. To pour out, shed forth.
- II. To bestow or distribute largely; to gush out, run greedily out, spill.
- III. To cause to flow out to cause to fully experience.

### Matthew 26:28 & Acts 2:17

*“If God’s love to us spreads through our heart, then there follows the consciousness of that love. This Divine Spirit that dwells in us, if we are trusting in Christ, will pour full streams into our empty hearts.*

*The Apostle Paul takes for granted that in every Christian heart there is, by a divine operation, the presence of the love, and the consciousness of the love of God. The question comes to us stunningly, to all of us unwaveringly, **‘IS THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF OUR EXPERIENCE?’***

*It is the ideal of the Christian life, it is meant that it should be so continuously. The stream that is poured out is intended to run summer and winter, not to be dried up in drought nor made cloudy and noisy in a flood but have an undisturbed flow throughout.*

*The Spirit pours God’s love into men’s spirits, but there may be dams and barriers so that no drop of the water comes into an empty heart. No Christian man will realize this blessing unless he knows how to sit still and meditate and let the gracious influence soak into him. Thus, being quiet, he may, he will, find rising in his heart the consciousness of the love of God.*

*You will not, if you give only broken momentary side long glances; you will not if you do not lie still. Unless we wait on the Lord, we shall not renew our strength.”*

### **LOVE** – G26 – *agape*

*Agape* denotes an undefeatable benevolence and unconquerable goodwill that always seeks the highest good of the other person, no matter what he does. It is the self-giving love that gives freely without asking anything in return and does not consider the worth of its object. *Agape* is more a love by **CHOICE** than *philos*, which is love by **CHANCE**; and it refers to the **WILL** rather than the **EMOTION**. *Agape* describes the unconditional love God has for the world.

*– Spirit-filled Bible*

**Titus 3:6; Romans 8:15-16; Ephesian 3:16-19; Romans 8:31-39**

