# Free From Sin to Grow in Grace Session 4 Notes

### Ephesian 3:16-19; Romans 8:14-17; Romans 8:31-39

SEPARATE - G5563 - chorizo

To separate, divide, part, put asunder, to separate oneself from, to depart. To place room between, i.e. part; reflexively to go away.

Root is "chora" meaning empty expanse.

Nothing in heaven

Nothing in earth

No person

No spirit beings

No circumstances

No pressures or afflictions

No actual circumstances

No threat of circumstances

Nothing in time - nothing now, nothing past, nothing future

No power, human or otherwise

NOTHING can SEPARATE us from the Love of God for us, in Christ Jesus.

All of the enemies of love are impotent!! They lack power and strength to remove Yahweh's agape love towards you. The question then becomes: *Can these things separate OUR LOVE from CHRIST*?

## 1 John 1:5-9

#### **Passion Footnote 1:**

That is, God and the believer enjoy fellowship on the basis of walking in the light of God. Fellowship is maintained with God as we continue walking in the light he reveals to us. To walk in the light also involves being open, transparent, and honest, acknowledging any darkness the Lord might reveal in us. The blood of Jesus will cleanse us from all known sin, and if we continue to be open to God's pure light his blood will cleanse us from all unknown sin as well, enabling imperfect believers to walk in fellowship with a holy God. Freedom from sin is equated to walking in the pure light of God—not simply a fleshly struggle but a desire to walk in fellowship with God in his light.

#### **Passion Footnote 2:**

Confession of sin is the way to find restoration and unbroken fellowship with God.

It cleanses the conscience and removes every obstacle from communion with Christ. Confession does not gain God's acceptance, for that was won for us forever by the sacrifice of Christ. It is on the basis of being his dearly loved children that we restore intimacy with God through our tenderhearted confession before him. God will always be faithful to restore our first-love passion for him. There is no need to confess the same sins over and over, for that is ignoring the blood of Jesus that cleanses us. All of our sins were paid for on the cross and we can do nothing to remove them, but confession acknowledges God's faithfulness to restore our intimacy with him. Our Father and our forgiving Redeemer fill the heavens with grace toward every believer, even when we sin.