

Blameless in the Day of Christ III

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On Becoming a Man:

Walking according to an agape lifestyle is equated to being a man, a mature Christian. When a Christian adopts the agape lifestyle, he transitions from being childish to being mentally and spiritually mature.

(1 Cor 13:11 KJV) *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

The Christian Child:

The Christian child does not adopt an agape lifestyle. By being so behaved, his understanding is but a child's, his thinking is but childish, and his mentality and spirituality is masked in childishness.

Yet, the child can process God's word. He does so by speaking, understanding and thinking.

Speak, Understood, and



Thinking defined:

Speak—laleo meaning speaking without reference to the words spoken. The words are utterances.

(Acts 2:4 KJV) *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

(1 Cor 12:3 KJV) *Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*

Understood—phroneo meaning to exercise the mind, regard, savor, think, to have thoughts.

(Mat 16:23 KJV) *But he*

turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

(Rom 12:3 KJV) *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

Thought—logizomai meaning to take an inventory, impute, reason, estimate, reckon, suppose.

(Rom 4:6 KJV) *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*

(Rom 4:8 KJV) *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

Spake, understood and thought refer to a person's ability to utter words, to have

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thoughts, and to reason to the point of reckoning an action. These sum up a believer who does not walk according to agape. These modalities are available to Christian children who do not behave according to the agape lifestyle.

The Christian Man:

The Christian man is a becoming man, one who transitions from not behaving according to agape to one who behaves according to agape. All Christians who do not walk according to agape are considered children in utterances, thoughts and reasonings. A Christian man has put away all childish ways; he walks according to agape.

(1 Cor 13:11 KJV) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Man—aner meaning a man as an individual male.

(Acts 1:10 KJV) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel [angels];

(Acts 2:22 KJV) Ye men of Israel, hear these words;

Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

An aner is used for an individual male—a human male, a male angel and the man Jesus Christ.

An aner is not God:

(Num 23:19 KJV) God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

God created man in His own image. This does not mean that a human looks like God.

(Gen 1:27 KJV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

This is not talking about the physicality of man, rather the imaginations of God and man. Man has intellect and reasoning.

The agape walk enables man to mature into the image of God that God made him to be.

(1 Cor 13:13 KJV) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest [greater] of these is charity.

The Christian man does adopt an agape lifestyle. By being so behaved, his utterances, thoughts and reasonings have matured, and all of his matters are no longer masked in childishness.

Reflection on Blameless:

(1 Th 5: 23) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By association, the agape walk sets in place the greatest lines of protection a Christian could ever hope to have. [What the guarding of these behaviors will provide is akin to a fortress or full military apparatus.] The agape walk is even greater than being enlivened by a most astounding faith or hope. Agape refocuses the Christian from self [faith and hope] to a lifetime of service focused on God, Christ and his neighbors. The agape lifestyle releases a Christian's maturity and enables his protection, thus implying that a pure and honest walk protects one from darkness' devices. The agape lifestyle enables a Christian to be found blameless at the Gathering

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Together.

Much Love in Christ.

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