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APRIL 20, 2025

Agape & Exceptional Love

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LESSON RECAP FOR APRIL 20, 2025 BY ROXY HALL

Lesson Introduction: “Agape & Exceptional Love”

- **Origin of the Lesson:** A conference message from years past, remembered by the speaker in prayer for Easter.
- **Definition of Agape:**
 - Exceptional love is a noun (grace received) and a verb (action done).
 - Appears in 49 books of the Bible; “charity” (another NT form) appears 29 times.
 - Distinct from other loves—incomparable, eternal, without beginning or end.

Three Main Points Explored

A. Chosen in Him

1. Proto-Evangelium (Genesis 3:15):

- God declares enmity between the serpent and the woman’s seed—foreshadowing Christ’s victory over Satan.

2. Incarnation Promise (Galatians 4:4–5):

- “When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman...that we might receive adoption as sons.”

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3. Value of Women in Creation:

- Final act of creation—"very good" (Genesis 2).
- Proverbs 18:22 and 31:10 affirm that a godly woman is "a prize beyond rubies."
- Vertical perspective: see yourself through God's eyes—precious, chosen, beloved—so horizontal challenges can be handled from that secure identity.

B. The Plan of the Ages Fulfilled

1. Eternal Blueprint (Ephesians 1:4–5):

- God "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world" for adoption.

2. Genealogical Symphony (Matthew 1:1–17):

- 62 generations traced from Adam to Jesus, organized in three sets of 14 (Abraham → David → Exile → Messiah).
- Inclusion of six women—Eve, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary—illustrates God's grace and the central role of women in redemption history.

3. Prophetic Fulfillment:

- Isaiah 7:14 ("virgin shall conceive...Emmanuel") and over 300 OT prophecies converge "in the fullness of time."

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C. The Journey of Love

1. Symphony Analogy:

- Individual events (generations, prophecies) at first seem discordant—like musicians tuning.
- At Christ's entrance ("the appointed time"), all parts converge into harmonious unity under the "Conductor."

2. Christ's Work in Time:

- Incarnation: stepping from eternity into Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit.
- Earthly life: 33½ years, fully human yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).
- Crucifixion, burial, resurrection, ascension—He returns to eternity, "ever making intercession" for believers.

3. Our Role: Bearing the Seed of His Word

- As Mary carried the seed of Christ, believers carry the seed of Scripture and Spirit.
 - Spiritual "labor" and trials (James 1:2–4) produce endurance and fruit.
 - Keeping eyes "vertical" on God sustains us through "horizontal" challenges.
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Closing Exhortations & Easter Truth

- **Identity in Christ:** Believers are “new creations,” “royalty,” “fearfully and wonderfully made”—fully loved by the triune God.
- **Love’s Endurance:** 1 Corinthians 13:13—“Faith, hope, and love... the greatest of these is love. Love will never pass away.”
- **Living Agape:**
 - Understand God’s exceptional love was implanted in you at salvation.
 - You are chosen, trusted to carry and cultivate that love until its fruit is revealed.
 - Encourage persistent praise during trials—“joy comes in the morning.”
- **Final Blessing:** Reiteration of the Easter story—Christ’s redemptive work—and a heartfelt wish for all sisters to have a “blessed and joyous Easter.”