

Ephesians Scripture Week Twenty-Two

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Mat. 12:34 For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. 35 The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks....

Col. 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Zech. 8:20 Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. 21 The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will also go." So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.' Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Jude 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ps. 119: 52 I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O Lord, and comfort myself.
Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

Ps. 4:1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

2 O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach? How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? Selah. 3 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him.

4 Tremble (in anger), and do not sin; meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O Lord! 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and new wine abound. 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

Micah 2:1 Woe to those who scheme iniquity, who work out evil on their beds! When morning comes, they do it, for it is in the power of their hands.

Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev. 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And *they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony....*

Mat. 7:17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad (sapos) tree bears bad (evil/hurtful) fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Jam. 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless...3:6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

Lk.4:22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips;

James 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of excessive wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

Jn. 15:26 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

1 Jn. 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Ps. 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
When we say things like this.

Ps. 96:2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Discussion

1. Exercise. If someone struggles with worry, why do they need to cast that off? What should they "put on" instead? What can that person say or think to help renew their mind?

2. Would you consider yourself to be more of a truth teller or a peacekeeper? Are you satisfied with this? What strategy do you use to decide which way to lean, if you have to? It is possible to be both?

3. Do you engage in any unwholesome speech? What does your mind need to know and believe that will help your mouth?

