

Ephesians Handout

Week Twenty-Four

Review: Jesus' anger-

1. The temple

2. The Sabbath healing

3. Lazarus' death

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Some more loose ends...

God's honor? Our righteous anger? We—

Judging sin?

5:1 Therefore be imitators (mimetai, present tense, ongoing) of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Imitators:

As beloved children:

The why matters.

What is the truth we gaze into?

-Eyes on God.

-Love like Jesus. Jn. 13:1

Jn. 15:12

Gave Himself up: paradidomia

Offering:

Sacrifice:

Fragrant aroma:

Willing heart-- Mat. 5:44, Lk. 6:34

5:3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not (never) fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Live like God. Love like God. Leave the worldly ways behind.

Immorality: porneia

Impurity/uncleanness: Mk. 7:20

Greed:

Must not even be named:

Filthiness: What is ugly as opposed to beautiful

Silly talk/coarse jesting:

Immoral/impure/covetous/idolater:

Why forbidden?

V. 3 We are

V. 4 It is not

V. 5 No

This sounds like a threat! How do we reconcile that with assurance of salvation?

Gal. 5:19,

Some assurance. Rom. 8:4, 1 Cor. 6:9

What is the alternative to nasty behavior? Why does it make perfect logical sense?

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The big irony.

The warning.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes (present tense) upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Let no one deceive: Gnosticism

universalism

The sons of disobedience:

Who are we?

Do not be partakers:

1 Cor. 5:9

Why remove?

-B/C of Eph. 5:3

-This is unkind to the sinner

-Rampant, unaddressed sin in the body confuses new believers and

The shift from the negative to the positive...

8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light *in the Lord*; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of light consists in *all* goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn/testing/proving what is pleasing to the Lord.

How is it we *are* light? Jn. 8:12, Jn. 12:35, 2 Cor. 4:6, Mat. 5:14

Walk as children of light:

Goodness-

Righteousness-

Truth-

trying to learn/testing/proving what is pleasing to the Lord:

test/prove: Used of oxen, metals, speakers/politicians, ideas

1 Thes. 5:16 Why rejoice and pray and give thanks first?

What else is our help? 1 Cor. 2:12, Rom. 12:2, photoluminescence

Trust the process. 1 Thes. 5:23