

Ephesians Handout

Week Twenty-Seven

Some clarification:

Scripture is always the backstop. What did God say? What is the context? What are the examples in the Biblical stories? God help me.

If you are saved, you have all of the HS. If you are delighting in that and yielding to His presence that is going to spill out like rivers of living water in all kinds of ways. Like this...

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and being subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Speaking-laleo

To one another-

In Psalms

Hymns

Spiritual songs-

Singing and making melody with your heart-

1 Cor. 14:15, Ps. 47:7

What if we don't feel like it? Mk. 7:6, Isa. 29:13,

Heart means whole being-mind, will, emotions. 1 Cor. 14:16

To the Lord-

Why does song naturally come out?

-Creation began with singing. Job 38:4

-God Himself is a composer. Deut. 31:19

-God Himself, is a singer. Zech. 3:17, Jer. 32:40

-Jesus sang. Mk.15:34, Ps. 22:31, Heb. 2:11

-All of creation sings. Q Chron. 16:33

Singing is the result of being Spirit filled, but it is also a means to more filling. Because...

God

OT examples

1 Sam. 10:5, 2 kings 3:14, 2 Chron. 20:21

NT examples

Col. 3:16, Acts 16:23,

More examples of what singing does.

Gives courage. Ps. 59:17

Evangelizes. 2 Sam. 22:50

Preserves Truth. Ps. 89:1, Ps. 103

Shows Gratitude. Col. 3:16, Ps. 98:1

Aides our repentance and restoration and opens us to the HS Ps. 51:10

It feels good. Ps. 135:3

It helps us hold on to hope. Isa. 52:8, Ps. 137 Even when we are sad. Ps. 137, Ps. 71:14

Did the Ephesians heed Paul's admonition?

1 Tim. 3:16 By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

He who was revealed in the flesh,

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory.

18b be filled with the Spirit...20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

No time, no area... Dan. 6:10

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, the Father:

A curious thing.

Col. 3:17, Heb. 4:15, Rom. 8:2, Rom. 8:15

Eph. 6:18, Jude 1:20,

Rom. 8:26

21 and being subject to/submitting to one another in the fear/reverence of Christ.

Our starting point. God loves us with a love which is so boundless and deep. It will take an eternity to explore.

God has given us all of Himself to dwell in us and empower us to live this sometimes difficult but always glorious life. All His love. All His presence.

Paul is not oblivious—

Paul is no blind, rigid Pharisee—

Eph. 4:17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk....

Discussion

1. Is singing easier or harder when your life is difficult?

2. What are most thankful for right now? What is an area where you are finding it hard to give thanks?

3. Do you think verse 21 is more closely linked with verses 18-20 or more closely linked with verses 22-6:9?