

Ephesians Handout

Week Twenty-Eight

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, 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 submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

Things we know...

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Who is Paul talking to and why does it even matter?

-Paul is not oblivious to the hardships of life. He is not an ivory tower preacher.

-Paul was no blind hyper rigid Pharisee regarding women or slaves or whatever.

Let's step way back.

Eph. 4:17 What does Paul mean by gentiles?

*As Bible students, as the church body, we are *never* called to move to a better or different ethic but rather to discern a relevant application to our culture.

What is the Ephesian culture?

Why *must* they get along?

Jn. 17:20

Our unity testifies to:

Why do we know it will happen?

Peace comes at a cost. What cost?

Eph. 2:13-14

V. 5:21. In every encounter in life there are 3 parties involved.

What makes the hard thing easier?

-His perspective is better

Jam. 4:6, Mat. 12:29

-The price of submitting is manageable.

-The picture of Christ is everything. Vs. 21

-The payout is immeasurable. Mat. 16:24

2 Cor. 5:14 Mat. 6:33

-It is perplexing.

Going Greek...

Submitting: Hupotassomenoi Hupo-under tasso-arrange or assign

Does not imply worth or value. It speaks of order versus chaos, not greater versus less than.

Present tense.

Passive voice.

We are called to submit not because the other person deserves it. Not because we are being forced or obligated by our station in life. Not even to get an immediate reward, but b/c ...

One another:

In the fear of Christ:

This five word verse changed the course of the world in the first century and the 14th century and beyond.

Jesus is...

-The model. Lk. 2:51, Jn. 5:30, 1 Cor. 15:28 Mk. 10:45 Phil. 2:1-4

Islam?? Phil. 2:5-8 Jn. 13:13

-The motivation. Phil. 2:9

We are most like Jesus Mk. 10:42

The love of God is real and overflowing. Rom. 12:9 1 Cor. 13:4

-The means. Eph. 1:3, Rom. 15:1, Phil. 4:19

-The ultimate purpose. Eph. 1:9-12

R. McLaughlin : We don't deny ourselves to build up the self-esteem of others but to build up Christ's esteem in the church and the world. None of us come to the table with rights anyway. We all come flat on our faces.

The caution/caveat—

We are all to put others first, but somebody has to be in charge.

What are our biggest concerns with authority? Where does it come from? How is it to be used?

Where does it come from:

The trinity

The Word

Rom. 13:1, Jn. 19:10, Titus 1:5, 1 Tim. 5:17, Lk. 4:6, Rev. 4:4

How is it used

To accomplish purposes- LK. 12:48 To protect and bless- 1 Pt. 5:1 To develop Godly character-