

**Ephesians Scripture
Week Twenty-Eight**

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

Jn. 17:20 “My prayer is not for them (disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us *so that the world may believe that You have sent Me*. I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and *have loved them even as You have loved Me*.

Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near *by the blood of Christ*. 14 For He Himself is our peace....

James 4:6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Mat. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mat. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but *whoever loses his life for My sake will find it*.

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Mat. 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Lk. 2:51 And He (Jesus) went down with them (Mary and Joseph) and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Jn. 5:30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me... 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. Lk. 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.

1 Cor. 15:28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

Mk. 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Phil. 2:1-4 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Phil 2:5-8 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Jn. 13:13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and do so correctly, for that is what I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you too ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example—you should do just as I have done for you.

Phil. 2:9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mk. 10:42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

Rom. 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy... give preference (outdo one another) in showing in honor.... Lord; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord

1 Cor. 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own.

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Rom. 15:1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself...5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil.4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 1:9-12 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

Rom. 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God

Jn. 19:10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above....

Titus 1:5 The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

1 Tim. 5:17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

Lk. 4:6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'

Rev. 4:4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

Listen to Jesus calmly explaining how things work.

Lk. 12:48 From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

1 Pt. 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd/feed the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

Discussion

1. After the family, what is the final big teaching in Ephesians, see verses 6:10-17?

How, if at all, do you think 5:21-6:9 and the next section are connected?

Why might the teaching on the relationships in the household come first?

2. What are your concerns about verses 22-24? Do we need to reinterpret these verses for 21st century Mount Pleasant women? Why or why not?

Can you see any built in safeguards for both men and women in these verses?