

Study Questions
Ephesians 9 Revisited
Sunday August 23rd 2009

1). Eph 4:20 *But you have not so learned Christ,*

a). What is it that we have not learned from Christ?

b). Eph 4:21 *if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:* What is our learning from Christ conditioned upon?

c). Eph 4:22 *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

d). What is the truth that is in Jesus?

e). What must we do first?

f). What then are we to do?

g). How are we renewed in the spirit of our mind?

2). Heb 3:12 *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

- a). What must we beware of?
- b). What would it look like to have an evil heart of unbelief?
- c). What can we be hardened by?
- d). What would this look like?

3). Eph 4:28 *Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

- a). What is the example of giving place to the devil given in v28?
- b). What contrast is made in this verse and what is the focus for these contrasting actions?
- c). What might we learn from this?
- d). What example of giving place to the devil is given in v29?
- e). What contrast is made in this verse and what is the focus for these contrasting actions?

f). What would a corrupt word sound like?

g). How would we impart grace to the hearer?

h). How does this scripture give us commentary on the above? –

Pr 18:20 ¶ *A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth, From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. 21 ¶ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

i). How would this apply to ourselves and those who are the recipients of our words?

j). What does this scripture say about what comes out of our mouth? –

Mt 12:36 *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

h). What is there for us to learn from this?

i). What does this say to you personally?

5). Is it possible for us to see this kind of Christian as one who walks like the rest of the Gentiles? - 2Ti 3:1 ¶ *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud,*

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

a). What does the first half of v5 and v7 draw our attention to?

b). What is the implication of this?

c). What connection is there in this with learning Christ?

6). Eph 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

a). What could we do that would cause us to grieve the Holy Spirit?

b). How serious a thing do you think this is?

c). What does the Lord have to say to the scribes and Pharisees about their attitude to the Holy Spirit that would be pertinent to us here?

7). Eph 4:31 *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*

a). What are we to do in v31?

b). Is v31 referring to emotion or action?

c). Heb 12:15 *looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*

d). What is the consequence for allowing a root of bitterness to spring up and how can many become defiled by it?

e). According to v32 of Ephesians 4 as well as putting away, what else are we to do?

f). What would it mean to be kind to one another?

i/ To be tender hearted?

ii/ To forgive one another just as God in Christ forgave us?

g). How would all of this be connected with what every joint supplies as each part does its share?