

EPHESIANS CH 4. VS 25-END

From v 25 onward we have some more practical teaching as to what the Christian life should be - remembering again we do not do what is here to become Christians - but we are by God's gift of salvation received. Again we should mention there are both negatives and positives in the Christian life (even note Psalm 1).

NEGATIVE. v 25 Wherefore putting away lying (Satan the father of lies (John 8 v 44) He is out to deceive (note he accused even God was a liar in Gen 3 v 1-4 in fact he always denies God's word. Hell is the destination for all who practice and love lying (Revelation 22 v 15). Note unbelief in God's word - God says you make me out to be a liar. Positively speak every man truth with his neighbour v 25. Reason is we are members of the body of Christ. So being false to one another harms the body (think of our natural body, any part not functioning true to its function makes us ill) So if we lie to one another or say a wrong thing about another we break the fellowship and unity. (West Bromwich) See the first sin judged by God in the early church in Acts Ch 5 vs 1-11) So also the unbeliever who rejects the truth of God's word will eventually believe the lie which will bring eternal ruin and death. (2 Thess Ch 2 vs 7-12).

v 26. BE YE ANGRY AND SIN NOT. Note there is such a thing as righteous anger. Ps 7 v 11. Ps 2 v 12. Note of Jesus Mark 3 v 5. John 2 v 13 - v 17. [It is wrong when we come in (the natural man) if you do me wrong I will not forgive you or forget it] But our righteous anger is when we see wicked behaviour, cruelty to others or anything that touches God's glory and His Son Jesus our Lord. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. If a believer gives way to unrighteous wrath, he should confess and forsake it quickly. Confession should be made both to God and the victim of his anger. No harbouring or nursing grudges against anyone. This gives an opening for the devil (Phillips Trans - never go to bed angry) v 27. See Prov 15 v 1. James 1 vs 19, 20. v 28. Let him that stole - steal no more - negative - positive

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BUT RATHER LET HIM LABOUR (MAKE A HONEST LIVING) SO ALSO HE MAY HAVE TO GIVE TO HIM THAT NEEDETH (DEVIL'S SIN WAS STEALING ISAIAH 14) (SO HE WORKS IN UNSAVED MEN) (A TEST D BUS CONDUCTOR GAVE CHANCE.)
EPHESIANS 2 V 2.

JOHN 10 V 10. OPPOSITE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. WHEN CHRIST WAS HERE MEN REJECTED HIM WHO WAS THE TRUTH AND CHOSE BARABBUS WHO WAS A THIEF AND A ROBBER AND THE WORLD HAS HAD THE ROBBER EVER SINCE. JUDAS JOHN 12 V 6. CONTRAST ALL THIS WITH GOD AND HIS SON JOHN 3 V 16 GALATIANS 2 V 20. ROMANS 8 V 32

V 29. LET NO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH. PS 19 V 14 PS 141 V 3. JAMES 3 VS 1-13. UNSAVED MEN ROMANS 3 VS 13. 14. NOTE CHANCE IN SAUL TO PAUL. ACTS 9. VS 1-11 (SPEECH IS A UNIQUE GIFT GIVEN TO HUMAN BEINGS - DISTINGUISHING HIM FROM THE ANIMAL KINGDOM (COWS MOO) (DOGS BARK) (DONKEYS BRAY) (PIGS GRUNT) (LAMBS BLEAT) (LIONS ROAR) (MONKEYS SQUEAL) (BIRDS SING) BUT ONLY HUMANS CAN SPEAK AND CARRY AN INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION JOHN 7 V 46. V 30. DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT (DO NOT OFFEND OR SADDEN HIM.) ISAIAH 63 V 10. WHEREBY YE ARE SEALED UNTO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION SEE EPHESIANS 1 VS 13. 14 (TIMBER PORT) THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER OVER OUR OLD NATURE (ROMANS 8 V 2) UNTIL THE DAY OF OUR - REDEMPTION V 31 LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH ETC. (LOUD ABUSIVE LANGUAGE. MURMURING. COMPLAINING (PS 106²⁵ ISRAEL'S SIN IN THE WILDERNESS. 1 COR 10 V 10. RAGE (SUDDEN LOSS OF TEMPER) ANGER LOSS OF TEMPER CONTINUED SLANDER - (SPEAKING EVIL OF OTHERS) MALICE WISHING ILL-WILL TO OTHERS (PUT IT AWAY)

V 32. A LOVELY VERSE (PETER HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE MY BROTHER-ER? 7 TIMES. NO SAID JESUS 77 TIMES (MATT 18 VS 21. V 22) WHY? FOR GOD HAS FORGIVEN US COMPLETELY. 2 COR 5 V 17.

SAUL ACTS 9. WHO WRITES EPHESIANS WHEN CONVERTED WENT TO STRAIT ST.)

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