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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER,
TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER
EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **EPHESIANS 4:25-32**

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1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the September 2, 2018 Evening Message for the Background

2. INTRODUCTION

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3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

d. Neither give place to the devil.

1. **Ephesians 4:25-27**, *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26: Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27: Neither give place to the devil.*

2. God is reminding us of some specific things that we are to do by the power of the Holy Spirit as we bring our bodies under subjection. **1 Corinthians 9:27**, *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*
3. Examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith. Take a look at yourself in the mirror and check off this list. **2 Corinthians 13:5**, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*
4. First of all, he tells us to “*putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*” – Let’s look at our self and not at everybody else we are never to compare ourselves with others. Let’s look at the standard as to how we measure up.
5. God tells us we have been placed into one body as we are in the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. He tells us to speak the truth. This leads to all the rest. The old man was crucified with Christ, the lying tongue was crucified with Christ, the deceitful heart was crucified with Christ. Why are we still holding on to these evil motives?
7. Not only should we speak the truth, but we should remember **Psalms 116:11**, *I said in my haste, All men are liars.* That old nature is there, and we cannot say it will not lead us astray.
8. The only way we can keep the body under subjection is to feed the new nature with the Word of God constantly. **2 Corinthians 4:16**, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*
9. Honesty and truth are so important for the believer. **Proverbs 22:1**, *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*
10. “*Be ye angry, and sin not:*” - I believe there are three forms

- of anger. **1.** Resentment **2.** Rage **3.** Righteous indignation.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ is the one who taught us righteous indignation when He drove out the money changers.
 12. Righteous indignation is seeing what needs to be done and doing it.
 13. We are to put away gossip, hatred, and malice if we are to be angry and sin not. **1 Peter 2:1**, *Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, James 3:13-16*, *Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14: But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15: This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16: For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*
 14. Malice is described as anger. When we carry this kind of anger, there are negative feelings that are developed in our very countenance.
 15. We come across people and we judge them harshly. God says we are not to do that. **Mark 3:5**, *And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*
 16. The question is why was Jesus angry with the Pharisees? When we study the Scriptures, we see that the Pharisees planted this man there to see what Jesus would do.
 17. He did heal this man. But among believers it is wrong to set up false concepts, having hidden agendas, bitterness, and having hatred develop in the church. **James 3:17-18**, *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18: And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them*

that make peace. **Proverbs 6:16-19**, These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: **17:** A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **18:** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, **19:** A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

18. When we do such things, we are giving place to the devil.
19. One thing that should be eliminated from the vocabulary of believers is, "the devil made me do it." The devil does not make us do it; Jesus has saved us and seated us in Heavenly places.

e. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.

1. **Ephesians 4:28-29**, Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29:** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
2. "Let him that stole steal no more" – When we are saved we need to be conscience of some of the grave clothes we used to have.
3. If you stop and think about it, you will see it is not the godly way to go.
4. We have saturated our mind with the Word of God, we attempt to walk in the Spirit each and every day and as a result of that we can conquer the flesh. We must allow the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life through us.
5. Let's not allow the devil to lead us into a trap. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
6. God says the solution of being a thief is to labor. "*but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing*

which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

7. The believer is to work. **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*
8. If we will do that, we will be available to give to Christian ministries.
9. I hate to see people who are so naive that they believe that they do not have to give to God because they are fulfilling their wants.
10. God says in **Matthew 6:33**, *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
11. He tells us to give of the first fruits of all our increases. **Luke 6:38**, *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.* **2 Corinthians 9:7**, *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*
12. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth," - What about our language? **James 4:10-11**, *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.* **11**: *Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.*
13. Our language should change. We should learn how to bridle the tongue. The tongue is a deceitful thing. **Proverbs 15:4**, *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.* **Proverbs 17:20**, *He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.*

Proverbs 21:23, *Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.* **Proverbs 26:28**, *A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.*

14. The speech of the believer should be on a higher plane. Our communications should be an encouragement to others rather than tearing them down. Believers are good at running other's down. This is not godly and we should not do that. **Hebrews 10:25**, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
15. I understand that before we were saved there was a lot of filthy communication that proceeded out of our mouth. In other words, we need to clean up our language. **Matthew 15:11**, *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.*

f. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God.

1. **Ephesians 4:30**, **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God,** *whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
2. The Holy Spirit is a person. He can be grieved and also quenched. **1 Thessalonians 5:19**, *Quench not the Spirit.* To quench the Spirit means we overrule and disregard what the Holy Spirit tells us.
3. He is not an "it." He cannot be divided into sections.
4. You do not get part of the Holy Spirit at salvation and then at some other point you get a second blessing. That is totally contrary to the Word of God.
5. The Holy Spirit works in our lives, He indwells every believer, He is here to guide us into all truth.
6. Notice the Holy Spirit can be grieved. How do we grieve the Holy Spirit? By getting off into sin, being outside of the will of God.

7. The whole point is we can never grieve away the Holy Spirit. We cannot lose what God has given us.
8. This verse gives us the assurance because it says, "*grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.***"
9. If we are sealed unto the day of redemption by God, the moment of regeneration, the moment we are baptized into the body of Christ, the moment we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit we are **sealed** by the Holy Spirit. For how long? "***unto the day of redemption.***"
10. **God did not come the first time to save the body; He came to save the soul. As a result, the soul is saved.**
11. Notice how the Holy Spirit will clean us up if we allow Him to do so.

g. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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2. These verses list additional things that will cause us to grieve the Holy Spirit. These are emotional sins.
3. Bitterness- a bad attitude, irritable state of mind, it causes one to produce harsh words and harsh opinions of others.
4. I like to refer to this as hitting below the belt.
5. A great many believers need to learn to be tender hearted in our words, actions and thoughts towards others.
6. "*wrath, and anger,*" - Outbursts. It denotes a chronic disease that believers need to overcome.
7. "*clamour,*" - bold ascertains. There are many believers who think pastor is not doing this or that. We are eager to criticize and cast blame and shift responsibility away from

- our self to others.
8. We are to be a people who are not divided. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
 9. Notice what comes out of all this as we further grieve the Holy Spirit.
 10. *“evil speaking”* – blaspheming. It is slander, malice. It is speaking things we do not know.
 11. Notice that God says to *“put away from you,”* - these are sins that need to be corralled and controlled. At Chesswood, let's not be guilty of any of this.
 12. God will contrast a little of what He has shown us are the works of the flesh and now He is going to tell us how to overcome this.
 13. *“And be ye kind one to another,”* - If we are kind we will not display things previously talked about.
 14. We must understand that the works of the flesh are these, **Galatians 5:19-21**, *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20: Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21: Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*
 15. *“tenderhearted, forgiving one another”,* - **Galatians 6:1**, *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*
 16. I have heard people say I will forgive but I will not forget.
 17. Forgetting is a part of forgiving. If you cannot forget it you will bring it up in the heat of battle.

18. *"forgiving one another,"*- We must understand that we all have faults.
19. God does not magnify our faults. He took us where we were, and He saved us. **James 5:16**, *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*
20. *"even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."* – All of us that come to know Christ as Saviour are saved and born again. Not because we deserved it but because of God's unmerited favor.
21. It was God's grace that He provided for us.
22. He gives us two commands. He tells us to not grieve the Holy Spirit and secondly, the basis for all forgiveness is for us to remember what God has done for us.
23. **Matthew 6:14-15**, *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*
24. Here in Ephesians we are told about forgiveness on the basis of God's grace.
25. If I do not forgive and I am a saved individual, it does not mean I lose my salvation. I will lose fellowship with God. My prayers are hindered and then I lose rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
26. **Matthew 12:36**, *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.* Every idle word will come up. We must make sure we are clean in our approaches for our neighbor and we must keep the flesh under subjection at all times. Let's not be guilty of being clean in our own eyes. **Proverbs 16:2**, *All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Personal Saviour, today needs to your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
- b. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- c. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- d. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- e. Would you please stand?

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