



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord have mercy, on us, teach us in the way to go. Forgive the people for they know not what they do. Help us Lord to walk in Your pathway. Keep us and bless us and protect us and our families. Lord if we have too much clutter in our lives, tell us what to cast off, to walk more in our love walk with You. Refresh in us the will to mediate on Your Word. Give us peace in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Ephesians 4 (KJV; 2005)

Ephesians 4:1-32 (KJV)

- ¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- ³ Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- ⁴ *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
- ⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- ⁸ Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- ⁹ (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- ¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- ¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:
- ¹⁴ That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
- ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.
- ¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
- ¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:
- ¹⁹ Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
- ²⁰ But ye have not so learned Christ;
- ²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

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Ephesians 4:22-32 (KJV)

²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

²⁴ And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

²⁵ Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: 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.

²⁸ 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.

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



One Body; (vv. 1-16). A complex organism, with many parts, each in its own place and with its own function, working together in harmony. Its basic principle is love (v. 16), while Christ Himself is its head and directive force. The fundamental requisite for the proper functioning of the body of Christ, which is composed of many members of diverse talents and tempers, is a spirit of humility, gentleness, and mutual support on the part of the members (v. 2). The purpose of the body is to nurture each of its members into the perfect image of Christ (vv. 12-15). The idea of growth, as expressed in these verses, seems to apply both to individuals and to the church as a whole. The childhood of the church will pass. Its maturity will come. (the companion passage, 1 Corin. 12-13.) The church is now nearly 2,000 years old. Yet it is still in its childhood state, it has not yet known unity in its full, visible manifestation. Paul's unceasing fight was against factions in local churches and against the divisions between Jews and Gentiles. Later came the bitter controversies of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th centuries. This was followed by the imperial church, with its outward semblance of unity under state authority, and the major split of the church into the Western (Roman Catholic) church and the Eastern (Orthodox) church. Then, almost 500 years ago, came the Reformation, which taught people to read the Bible for themselves and to think for themselves. This almost inevitably led to a division of the Protestant church into many denominations and groups. We still have a divided Christendom, more so than ever before. Whether there will ever be, in this world, and outward, organic unity of the visible church, we do not know. The selfishness and pride of people are against it. But there always has been, and still is, a unity in the invisible church of God's true saints, a unity that will somehow, sometime, somewhere come to full fruition in answer to Christ's own prayer (John 17) and manifest itself as the full grown body of Christ. It is a unity that sometimes becomes evident, unexpectedly, on a small scale when we talk with Christians from a tradition or denomination very different from ours in theology or form of worship and suddenly realize that we are one in our love for Christ and that in His light our differences fade. Since the church is a community of brothers and sisters, it is necessary that its members be very considerate of one another. Perhaps Paul thought it was a little too much to tell them not to get angry at all, so he cautions them to be careful not to hold on to their anger. Or he may have understood that there is a time and a place for legitimate anger that, if expressed, can do much damage later.

³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22: 37-40

We are called to be children of the King. We represent the Father to the world. God controls, the circumstances of our lives. So, when we complain about our situation we are murmuring against God. The grace of God is sufficient for each of us, no matter what we've done. When Christ died. He first went to Sheol (or Hades) to preach to those who had died in the faith, believing that God would send the Messiah (Matthew 16:4; 27:52-53; Acts 2:30-31; Isaiah 61:1). On the third day, He led the captives into eternal life. An apostle had to have seen the risen Christ and had to have the gift of miracles in operation in his life. The gift of prophecy isn't limited to foretelling future events but is also a forth telling of God's message. Evangelists are especially gifted in sharing the Gospel with unbelievers. Pastors and teachers or teaching pastors feed the Word of God to the Church (John 21:15-17; 1 Peter 5:2). The primary purpose of the Church isn't to convert sinners to Christianity, but to "perfect" (complete and mature) the saints for the ministry and edification of the Body. Strong sheep won't be led away from their shepherd. A strong church emphasizes teaching the Word, so the people have a sound scriptural base to help them discern between true and false doctrine. Each of us adds a unique part to the Body of Christ. Paul's description of the heathen Gentiles in his time is an apt description of those who are blindly following Satan today. They're empty headed, ignorant, beyond feeling, and motivated by greed. "uncleanness" means sexual impurity. "Conversation" again means manner of life. We're to put off the way of life that our flesh ("old man") wants us to lead. We should settle our differences as soon as possible, so Satan has no opportunity to take advantage of us. We can tear down

Or build up people with our word. How much better to build up and minister grace to those around us.
(**New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; page 111**)

Having a tender heart (see **Ephesians 4:32**) is equivalent to having a tender conscience, and tenderness of conscience is vital to being used by God.

In **1 Timothy 4:1, 2** Paul wrote, "But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach, through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized)."

It is dangerous to become hardhearted and to develop a seared conscience. If we do, we cannot really tell if we are doing anything wrong or not. One way we develop tender consciences is by being quick to repent and avoid excuses when God convicts us of something.

When God shows us we did something wrong, we need to say, "You are right, Lord. I am wrong. There is no excuse, so please forgive me and help me not do it again."

It is amazing how much that will help us have tender consciences toward God. But as soon as we start trying to reason things out and make excuses for our wrongs, we start getting a little callous on our consciences. It becomes just a little bit harder for us to feel than it was the time before.

For example, if I mistreat someone and do not repent, my conscience begins to callous. The next time I do it, my conscience gets a little more callous. Soon, though I go around presenting myself as a person who loves God, He cannot use me anymore because I am mistreating people in how I talk to them and behave toward them. The worst thing is that I do not even realize I am doing it because I no longer have a tender heart and a tender conscience toward God.

We must remember that God does not care how gifted or talented we are; His primary concern is our heart attitude. If we have willing hearts, stirred-up hearts, wise hearts, perfect hearts, and tender consciences, the devil's plan for destruction is destroyed because then nothing can stop us from being used by God.

In **Ephesians 4:23** we read that we are to be "constantly renewed" in the spirits of our minds, having "a fresh mental and spiritual attitude." Attitudes begin in the mind. Our minds are renewed by the Word of God. Reading the Word daily renews our minds and changes our attitudes. Renew your mind in the Word today!

(**Amplified Bible; 2005; The Everyday Life Bible, Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture; notes and commentaries; pages 1936-1941**)

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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