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The Depravity of All Humans

Ephesians 4:17–19



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THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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Matt. 23:25, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ~RD

Matt. 23:26, “Blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.”

Luke 11:39, “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and evil.’ ”

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Eph. 4:1, “Therefore, I, the prisoner of the Lord, strongly urge you to conduct your life in a manner worthy of the exalted position to which you were summoned,” ~RD amplified

Eph. 4:2, “with all genuine humility and gentle kindness, with patience, putting up with one another in love,” ~RD

Eph. 4:3, “Being diligent to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ~RD

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a. The authority or starting point. Different authority in knowledge, our authority is now the Word of God, the Bible and not empiricism, rationalism, or mysticism.

Psa. 36:9, “For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.”

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b. The content of our thinking

Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

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c. The renovation or overhaul of our thinking.

We ought not to think like the world's culture around us.

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2. The result is that what the believer does, and how he should do it, will change.

1 Cor. 10:31, “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

Eph. 6:6, “not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Eph. 6:7, “with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Eph. 6:8, “knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”

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completely
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Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;”

2 Pet. 2:18, “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.”

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**OT Hebrew: vanity,
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