

Philemon

Personal Christianity from Philemon

1. Our identity - servant of Christ, v1, cf. Rom 6:16ff; Acts 23:27
2. Our brethren - fellow-laborers/beloved, vv1,2 cf. 1 Pet 2:11
- 3a. Our Greatest theme - love to Christ and the saints, v5, cf. 2 Cor 5:14; 2Thess 3:5; Col 1:4
 - b. Our Greatest goal - Eph 3:19
4. Prayer, v4, cf. Eph 1:16; 1 Th 1:2
5. Communication/Refreshment, vv6,7 - test of membership.
6. Enjoin, v8 vs. ask, v9, cf. v14
7. Profitable to Paul? v11, ministered? v13
8. Our view of Christians, v17, cf. Gal 5:14
9. The Law of Christ, Gal 6:2, Phlm 18-19
10. We do more, v21
11. "through your prayers," v22, cf. Job 42:8; Gen 20:7
12. v25, Paul a prisoner, "Christ be with your *spirit*"

Ephesians 4:1-16 - Church Unity and Church Structure

1. Urgency of Paul's message - "I a prisoner"
παρακαλεω εγω ο δεσμιος εν κυριος "beseech you"
2. Essence - walk worthy of the calling (e.g. holiness)
- cf. 1 Thess 4:7,3
3. Emphasis of Paul - Fruits of holiness the lead to unity
- lowliness, gentleness, meekness (v2)
- bearing with one another based on love, cf. Col 3:12-14
- *the goal being that with diligence in these areas, the fruit of all would be a Divinely wrought unity ("unity of the Spirit") bonded together in peace.*
4. Paul's proof that vv1-3 are the Christian church norm - one Lord/faith/baptism (explain, cf 1 Cor 12:1-13)/hope/calling/, esp. one God *who is above, through, and in all*
5. Make-up of the Savior's body, the church. **HE gave...!**
- Each saint has a place in the work delineated above by the Savior who reigns above as head (cf. Col 1:15-19). Christ via the authority given to Him by the Father in heaven and earth has decreed it thus (1 Cor 10:16,17; 12:4-7)
6. The working/activity we call "church life" is...
- Leaders (apostle/prophets, shepherds, teachers) equipping the saints (v11,12a) so as to enable THE SAINTS to minister unto edification of every body part (v12b, cf. 1 Cor 12:14,18,23-26)
7. The goal/results of God's will/work
- Positively, the church comes to 1} unity/2} knowledge of Christ/3} maturity, e.g. full stature that the previous three produce (v13)
- Negatively, we stand firm/fast in the faith (v14)
- Positively, that we grow unto Christ (cf. 2 Pet 3:18) who is the source of all grace (Jn 15:5) - vv15,16

The Atonement of Jesus Christ,
and the triumph of the Cross

NOTES

I. The Will of God

> O. T. Backround - Psalm 40:6-8 <

John 4:34; 5:30; 14:31

SUMMARY VERSES: John 10:17-18; Matt 26:38ff

II. The N. T. Announcement

- Matt 1:21-23; Luke 1:68-77; John 1:29

III. The Essence of Christs' Work

> O. T. Backround - Deut 21:20-23 <

-- Galatians 3:10-13 --

IV. The Work - "Justify"

> O. T. Backround - Isaiah 53:10-12 <

1. Ransom, Matt 20:28

2. Redeem, Titus 2:14

3. Purge, Hebrews 9:14

4. Sanctify, Hebrews 10:10

5. Perfect, Hebrews 10:14

6. Propitiate, Romans 3:25

7. Save, Matthew 1:21

8. Reconcile, 1 Peter 3:18

V. " It is Finished " - John 19:28

- cf John 4:34; 17:2 =====>Note, the

SUMMARY VERSES: John 6:36-40 ==> *destinct* people

The cross is the grand obedience of the Son of God
to the Almighty's command in laying down His life
to (IV); that is to **SECURE** the redemption of the sheep
(John 10:11), the church (Eph 5:25);
in essence, me (Gal 2:20), the believer.

VI. Problem verses: Jn 1:29; 1 Tim 2:4,5; 4:10; Heb 2:9;

- 2 Pet 2:1; 3:9 (these are some).

Questions

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:17 - 34

I. Introduction/Views of Communion

- Catholic/Luther/Zwingli

II. Today's practice of communion

1. Three types - why?
2. very individual
3. General outworking - "examine!"(v28)

III. The Lord's supper is...

- A. Church ordinance (11:17,18,20,33,34)
- B. Supper (11:20,21,25)
- C. Fellowship (1 Cor 10:16,17)
- D. Passover/then Lord's supper - shared meals/shared redemption from bondage (v23ff)

IV. The Corinthian Rebuke, "I praise you not!" (v17)

- A. "Come together for the worse," (v17)
- B. "Divisions," (v18,19)
- C. Taking, not giving; hungry (those who have to little)/drunken (to much,v21)
- D. "Despise the church," shame those who have not (v22)
- E. *They were not eating the Lord's Supper!* (20)

V. The essence of their sin - unworthiness/guilt in partaking (v29), ["unworthiness is an adverb"]

VI. Result

- one can eat and drink judgment to themselves
- some weak, some sleep (v30)

VII. Remedy

A. Remember the Foundation (vv23-26)

- 1 Cor 10:16,17 cf. Luke 22:17-19 (divide!); Mt 26:26f

B. *Discern the Lord's Body!*

C. Examine/judge yourselves (v28,31) in relation to the brethren and unity/love, and thus, "οὕτως"(greek), partake (v28)

D. "Do you not have houses to eat and drink in!?"

E. Wait for one another (v33)!?"

F. Eat at home (v34)!?"

VIII. Consider then...

1. In the Gospels ==> one cup/loaf for all
2. One body, cf Jn 17:11,20-22 comp Acts 2:46;4:32
3. *Therefore the Lord's Supper is not an individual ordinance!!*

"It is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper where unity does not exist" (JFB)

Conversion/The New Man in Christ

I. The Great Change

<u>Christ</u>	<u>Adam</u> - Rom 5:12ff
<u>Life</u>	<u>Death</u> - John 3:35f
<u>New Man</u>	<u>Old Man</u> - Rom 6:6; Eph 4:24; Col 3:10
<u>Spiritual</u>	<u>Carnal</u> - Rom 8:4ff
<u>Justified</u>	<u>Condemned</u> - John 3:17ff
<u>Righteous</u>	<u>Unrighteous</u> - Rom 6:15ff
<u>Wise</u>	<u>Fool</u> - 1 Cor 2:14ff
<u>Light</u>	<u>Darkness</u> - Eph 4:16ff

Summery =====> Colossians 1:13f; Galatians 5:24f

II. Romans 6 and the New Man/Christian

- A. Free Grace - v1, cf 5:21
- B. Can we continue in sin? - vv1,2
- C. True Salvation means *union* w/Christ - vv4,5
 - There is false faith/conversion! cf Matt 7:21; John 3:2
- D. The Foundation - v6, cf 8:2,3
- E. The Fact - free from sin's dominion - v7 cf 6:14
- F. Union with Christ's death means life - v8, cf John 10:10
- G. The Cross - vv9-11, cf Isaiah 53:10-12

The Application of Romans 6

- III. Therefore, as risen with Christ, do not let lust dictate - v12
 - Do not yield your members service to sin - v13, but
 - Serve as those who have Romans 6 as their guide and law,
 - For righteousness, not sin, shall rule in the converted soul - v14.
- Your identity is derived from the Risen Savior.
- Your power from the Spirit's ministry.

The Scriptures and fellowship/κοινωνια

Words: κοινωνεω(8), κοινωνια(20), κοινωνικος(1), κοινωνος(10)
συγκοινωνεω(3), συγκοινωνος(4).

Usage:

- 1) Fellowship that shares/serves via material/other goods,
(Rom 12:13; 15:26; 2 Cor 8:4; 9:13; Gal 6:6; Phil 4:14,15; 1 Tim 6:18;
Philem 6; Heb 13:16)
- 2) Fellowship/its avoidance when sin is an issue,
(Matt 23:30; 1 Cor 10:18,20; 2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:11; 1 Tim 5:22; 1 Jn
1:6; 2 Jn 11; Rev 18:4)
- 3) Fellowship in Christian witness and suffering,
(1 Cor 9:23; 2 Cor 1:7; Phil 1:7;3:10; 1 Pet 4:13; Rev 1:9)
- 4) The Fellowship of saints in general,
(Fellowship/union with the Gentiles (Rom 15:27); Fellowship of new
converts (Acts 2:42); Fellowship in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 10:16);
Fellowship of the Spirit (2 Cor 13:14;Phil 2:1); Fellowship of the
Gospel (Eph 3:0;Phil 1:5;Gal 2:9); Fellowship with the Father and the
Son (1 Cor 1:9;1 Jn 1:3); Fellowship as saints in Christ (1 Jn 1:7;Philem
17;Heb 10:33); Fellowship in holiness (Heb 2:14; 1 Pet 5:1; 2 Pet 1:4);
Fellowship in labor (2 Cor 8:23).
- 5) Misc verses unrelated to the subject: Luke 5:10; Rom 11:17.

As a classic example of fellowship and doctrine, note that the
Ephesian members - as members - are instructed by Paul in the deeper
understanding of grace (i.e. election, predestination, adoption,
redemption, sealing, etc); Ephesians 1:3-14.