# "Past Feeling" Eph. 4:17-24

# The Will of God

- Our sanctification. 1 Thess. 4:3-5
- Moral purity & holiness in all our conduct. 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2:11-12

Why do we become "Past Feeling" to sin & error?

- Lack knowledge, Hosea 4:6
  - ◆Teach...Learn, *Eph. 4:20-21; Heb. 5:12-14*
- Failure to put off the old man of sin, Eph. 4:17-24; cf. Col. 3:9
  - ◆<u>Transform mind</u>, *Eph. 4:23; cf. 2 Cor. 10:5*

# Why do we become "Past Feeling" to sin & error?

- Influence of worldliness, 1 Cor. 15:33 (Prov. 6:27)
- ◆Beware the faithless deceit of sin, *Heb. 3:12-13*
- ◆Do not love the world, 1 Jno. 2:15-17

Eph. 4:18-19

◆Do not pitch our tents toward Sodom *Gen. 13:12-13* 

# Why do we become "Past Feeling" to sin & error?

- Complacency toward God
   His will, Zeph. 1:12
  - ♦ Wake up! *Rom. 13:11-12*
- <u>Obstinate rebellion</u>, *Heb.* 3:7-11: 10:26-27

Eph. 4:18-19

◆Fear God & obey Him, *Heb.* 10:31 (*Prov.* 1:7; 9:10)

# Lasciviousness (aselgeia)

"unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageous-ness, shamelessness, insolence...wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males & females" (Fritzsche), Rom. 13:13" (Thayer, 79-80)

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# Uncleanness (akatharsia)

"in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living ... used of impure motives in 1 Thess. 2:3" (Thayer, 21)

## **Uncleanness is Inclusive**

- Thought, *Gen. 6:5; Prov. 23:7*
- Word, *Eph. 5:3-4*
- Deed, Eph. 4:19-24 (Text)
- A greedy, selfish act designed to gratify fleshly lusts through impure means (cf. Mt. 5:8)

## Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Our Dress

- It is Sin, 1 Tim. 2:9-10 (Prov. 7:10; Jer. 6:15)
  - ◆ Modest (kosmios): "Orderly, well-arranged, decent..."
  - ◆ <u>Shamefastness</u> (*aidos*): "A sense of shame"
  - Sobriety (sophrosune) -"Soundness of mind... sound judgment"

# Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Our Dress

- Applications include public display of...
  - ◆ Revealing clothing
    - \*Dresses, blouses
    - \*Shorts

1 Tim. 2:9ff;

1 Pet. 3:1ff

- \*Skin tight clothes
- ◆As a guide, cf. Ex. 29:42

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## Not.... But.... 1 Tim. 2 & 1 Pet. 3

### Not this:

Eph. 4:22-24

pearls, costly raiment

Not outward — braiding hair, wearing jewels of gold or putting on apparel

Braided hair, gold

### But this:

Modest apparel, shamefastness, sobriety.

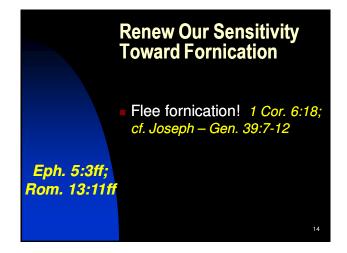
Becometh women professing godliness – good works.

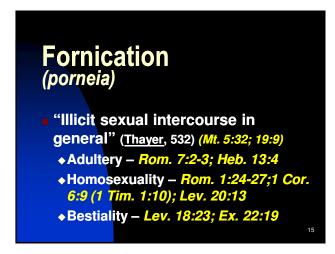
Quietness, subjection Chaste behavior, fear Meek and quiet spirit

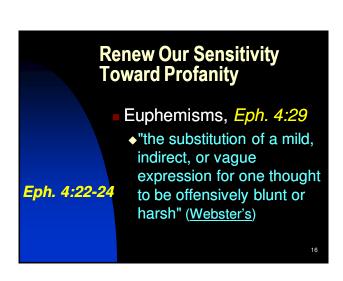
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# Such Euphemisms Include... Gee; Geez (Jesus) Gosh; Golly (God) Lordy (Oh, Lord) Heck (h\_II) Blue blazes (slang for h\_II) Burn; Dang (to curse, da\_n) Shoot (sh\_t) Dog gone (God da\_n)

# Our Speech Should Be... Sound, Tit. 2:8 Gracious & seasoned, Col. 4:6 Truth in love, Eph. 4:15, 25 Plain; bold, 2 Cor. 3:12; 7:4; Eph. 6:19ff As the words of God, 1 Pet. 4:11

# Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Truth and Error Endure sound doctrine, 2 Tim. 4:3-4 Truth is relative" "Nobody agrees on everything" "Everybody does some things without Bible authority" "Stop judging others"



