

## “Do Not Grieve The Holy Spirit”

Ephesians 4:13-32 10/18/15

Today, we'd like to study the title of “Do Not Grieve The Holy Spirit” in *Ephesians 4:13-32*.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions:

Q1. In verse 13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,” what does the phrase of “to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” mean?

Q2. In verse 24, “and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness,” what does the phrase of “put on the new man” mean?

Q3. In verse 30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption,” what does the phrase of “do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” mean?

### (Background)

Previously, Paul says the ministers of Word sent by God to train Christians for the ministry to build up the Body of Christ in verses 4:11-12, “<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Verses 13 to 16 are about Growing in Christ

Verses 17 to 29 are about the New Life over the Old Life

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<sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by

Q1= to a perfect man (a Christian life is a process to be fully conformed in the image of Christ); to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (more than just Salvation Gospel, extending to the Whole Counsel of God,<sup>1</sup> *Heb 6:1-2; John 5:39*)

<sup>1</sup> *Heb 6:1-2* Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Verses 17 to 29 are about the New Life over the Old Life

<sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true

14= every wind of doctrine (popular human thought during a certain period <sup>2</sup>1 Cor 1:24-25; the Word of God is never shaken.)

15= speaking the truth in love(not in slander, critic....) Him who is the head-Christ (the controller, the director, the leader)

16= edifying of itself in love (not in competition, in any form of flesh)

17= the Gentiles walk (the Gentiles World walk; Unbelievers walk); the futility of their mind (empty head, do not make sense)

18= their understanding (Knowledge of God <sup>3</sup>Prov 9:10 )

19- being past feeling (senseless feeling <sup>4</sup>1 Tim 4:2 ); greediness (a reason all for pornography, prostitute, drug addict, alcohol addict, etc)

21= the truth is in Jesus (<sup>5</sup>John 14:6 )

24=Q2 put on the new man (to live after the Spirit from the old life to live after flesh; <sup>6</sup>Rom 12:2 )

<sup>2</sup> 1 Cor 1:24-25 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>3</sup> Prov 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Tim 4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

<sup>5</sup> John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

<sup>6</sup> Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup>nor give place to the devil.<sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Verses 30 to 32 are about Do Not grieve the Holy Spirit

<sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup>And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

27= nor give place to the devil (he is so cunning; don't give a room/a prey to him to control you , e.g., anger, stress, etc. <sup>7</sup>*John 14:30*)

30= Q3 do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God (not governed by flesh but by the Spirit) sealed for the day redemption (the guarantee; the earnest the down payment for our inheritance in heaven <sup>8</sup>*Eph 1:13-14*)

31= clamor (loudness; noise)

32= even as God in Christ forgave you (this is our goal; out part – all bitterness, wrath, anger, etc is incomparable to Christ's forgiveness to me ; watch for little tongue <sup>9</sup>*James 3:5-6*)

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<sup>7</sup> *John 14:30* I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world [the prince of this world] is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

<sup>8</sup> *Eph 1:13-14* In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

<sup>9</sup> *James 3:5-6* Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.