

"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**

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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**
 - ◆ Transform mind, **Eph. 4:23; cf. 2 Cor. 10:5**

Eph. 4:18-19

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

Eph. 4:18-19

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

- Complacency toward God & His will, **Zeph. 1:12**
 - ◆ Wake up! **Rom. 13:11-12**
- Obstinate rebellion, **Heb. 3:7-11; 10:26-27**
 - ◆ Fear God & obey Him, **Heb. 10:31 (Prov. 1:7; 9:10)**

Eph. 4:18-19

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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)

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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*)

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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..."
 - ◆ **Shamefastness (*aidos*):** "A sense of shame"
 - ◆ **Sobriety (*sophrosune*) -** "Soundness of mind... sound judgment"

Eph. 4:22-24

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- Applications include public display of...

- ◆ **Revealing clothing**
 - ✦ Dresses, blouses
 - ✦ Shorts
 - ✦ Skin tight clothes

1 Tim. 2:9ff;
1 Pet. 3:1ff

- ◆ **As a guide, cf. Ex. 29:42**

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Our clothing sends a message!!!
Prov. 7:10

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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Uncleanness Lasciviousness ...AND

■ Fornication

*Eph. 5:3ff;
Rom. 13:11ff*

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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Fornication

- Flee fornication! *1 Cor. 6:18;*
cf. Joseph – Gen. 39:7-12

*Eph. 5:3ff;
Rom. 13:11ff*

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Fornication (porneia)

- “Illicit sexual intercourse in general” (Thayer, 532) (*Mt. 5:32; 19:9*)
 - ◆ Adultery – *Rom. 7:2-3; Heb. 13:4*
 - ◆ Homosexuality – *Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6:9 (1 Tim. 1:10); Lev. 20:13*
 - ◆ Bestiality – *Lev. 18:23; Ex. 22:19*

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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Profanity

- Euphemisms, *Eph. 4:29*
 - ◆ “the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensively blunt or harsh” (Webster’s)

Eph. 4:22-24

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Such Euphemisms Include...

*Ephesians
4:22-24;
James 3*

- Gee; Geez (Jesus)
- Gosh; Golly (God)
- Lordy (Oh, Lord)
- Heck (h_ll)
- Blue blazes (slang for h_ll)
- Darn; Dang (to curse, da_n)
- Shoot (sh_t)
- Dog gone (God da_n)

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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*

*Ephesians
4:22-24;
James 3*

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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Truth and Error

2 Tim. 1:13
Gal. 1:6-10
2 Jno. 9-11
Rom. 16:17

- 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"

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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Lost Souls

- Try to save some, **Mt. 9:36-38**
 - ◆ Conscious (He "saw" them)
 - ◆ Compassion (moved Him)
 - ◆ Commitment (toward them)
- We must properly value lost
souls, **Mt. 16:26**

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"Past Feeling"!

When we become "*Past
Feeling*" to sin & error
we will certainly lose our
souls! **Jno. 17:14-19**

Eph. 4:22-24

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