2Thess #104

The doctrine of scar tissue on the soul

Let us pick it back up in Ephesians chapter 4 where we left off RF.

I spoke with Trista about the Bible Conference - we will have announcements by next Thursday on the fellowship Friday and the weekend schedule.

Our current study has us looking at the problem many Christians encounter in this temporal life. They have a choice to live in their position (new nature).

Or simply allow their daily condition to dictate how they walk in the temporal.

/2Thes 2:11 For this reason **God will send upon them a deluding influence** so that **they will believe what is false**, 12 in order that **they all may be judged who did not believe the truth**, but took pleasure in wickedness.

The Believer can become a victim of this deluding spirit, yet still never lose their salvation. They instead suffer misery in time and loss of rewards, blessings as well as crowns in the temporal and certainly the eternal state.\

Once you are born again and saved you can never be snatched from the hand of GOD – you have eternal security.

Yet you still hold responsibility over your decisions, your free will matters!

/Many Bels become lost in cosmic trickery after salvation. They are drawn back into the filth, deception and counterfeits they were rescued from.

2Pet 2:22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “**A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,**” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.” (Prov 26:11) \

In Ephesians chapter four, the Apostle Paul is reminding CA Bels we have a better way of life – right now, in time.

You do not have to wait to enter heaven to walk in your new position.

In fact, the only way to SM and crowns, blessings and rewards - is seen in what your temporal walk accomplishes.

The race you run is now RF!

/Eph 4:17 So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to **no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their minds,

The reference here for Gentiles are those Unbels, who were outside the groups of Bels that the Apostle Paul had established. Those you become intimate with will rub off on your life!\

The apostles were well aware every time they established a congregation, that as soon as they moved on, the outside forces of the cosmic system such as family, friends and the day-to-day life would distract them.

It is a reality each and every day that we must keep in our sights.

The difficult part to digest, is that when we go forward in CHRIST - and others in our periphery simply refuse to believe and accept the truth.

It is hard for us to accept that many people we love, live in darkness.

[Eph 4:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/18/s_1101018) being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

The original language here, points to Unbels as strangers to GOD – outsiders with a hard heart, a darkness of mind.

They are willful enemies of Christ.

This speaks to a deluding spirit – because they had the truth! They had family and friends among these congregations evangelizing to them.

 REPEAT

Many would have been well aware of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, yet they remained dark toward the gospel. Ephesians for example, was probably covering a historic time about 30 years after the Cross of Christ.

That is still very fresh – many people who were teenagers and in their twenties or thirties witnessed, or heard first-hand accounts of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Yet they continued in a darkness of self -imposed condemnation.

/[Eph 4:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/19/s_1101019) and **they, having become callous** (*apalgeō*),have given themselves up to indecent behavior for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

To lack feeling and lack understanding, they practice and give themselves over, speaking to free will and lifestyle.\

APP-AH-GAYO, means to be beyond reason, to be beyond feeling anything.

These are people who have gone so far that GOD has allowed the flood gate to open, it opens for a deluding spirit of the cosmic system to enter that soul structure.

[Eph 4:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/20/s_1101020) But you did not learn Christ in this way,

[Eph 4:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/21/s_1101021) if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

Notice the source of truth – is in JESUS CHRIST.

/[Eph 4:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/22/s_1101022) that, in reference to your former way of life, **you are to rid yourselves of the old self,** which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Your OSN was nailed to the cross – walk in your position (new nature). The old nature continues to be corrupted.\

Notice – take your own free will and turn toward the new nature, rid yourself – remove it, that is your daily responsibility Believer!

The first two problem solving devices – acknowledge when sin is apparent in your life, adjust to the justice of GOD and get filled by God the HS.

/[Eph 4:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/23/s_1101023) and that you are to be **renewed in the spirit of your minds**,

[Eph 4:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/24/s_1101024) and to **put on the new self,** which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.\

You have to make a conscious effort to take off the old and put on the new.

Ephesians 4:23 - “*And be renewed in the spirit (breathing) of your mind*.”

/Eph 4:23 – *that you are to be renewed*

*Ananeoō,* a refreshing moment, to awake or to bring back youth, life or vigor. It is written in the Greek, present tense (keep on doing this).\

ANN-AH-NAY-O, it has one root word (NAY-US) meaning like a child, to become young again – to be in your youth.

You have to acknowledge this! You have to make a turn in your mind to accept what GOD gives you.

Often the Greek noun KARDIA (heart) is used for the lungs of the soul.

The Word of God is inhaled and then exhaled.

Just like lungs there is a left and right side of the mind – the soul structure.

/Eph 4:23- *spirit of your mind* ;

This time we see the Greek word *nous,* which can be considered the left lobe of the brain. The staging area before the knowledge being heard is fully digested. It begins to circulate what is heard or read, as knowledge that is acceptable or understandable. \

 NOOSE which we can call our left lobe, it is a place that opens up and accumulates knowledge. To digest and accept knowledge to become wisdom later, it has to be digested by faith.

Inhale of Bible doctrine happens through the left lobe; exhale happens on the right lobe. REPEAT

Because the right lobe is where you have allowed it to become a true influence in your life. You had faith to accept it and allow it to change you.

/The left lobe is the point of contact of knowledge or information. The left part of the soul is a GOD contact point as well. The right lobe is designed for relationship with mankind, while the left lobe is designed for a relationship with God. In a mature Bel the whole structure of the soul is saturated with divine knowledge. Then GOD is interacting with that Believer at the highest level. Negative volition begins in the left lobe and scar tissue will develop there first.\

This often begins very subtly with a lack of interest in listening or reading Bible Doctrine.

 Apathy is the devil’s playground!

Scar tissue is built up on the left bank of the soul by means of negative volition toward Bible doctrine.

This in turn opens the vacuum up for cosmic viewpoint to fill it.

/For the Unbeliever that vacuum accumulates quickly and with immensity of absorbing all that the devil promotes.

Eph 4:17 – *walk in the futility (mataiotēs) of their minds;*

Vanity that leads to depravity, a deeper concern for self over everyone or anything else.\

MOTH-EYE-OT-ACE, it means a deep vanity – so enamored with self and the temporal life, that it leads to perversity of thought and actions.

Reliance upon the knowledge and wisdom or ideologies of the Cosmic System.

Bels can have this same problem yet they are never fully possessed by demonic forces, they are heavily influenced. Either way, scar tissue does develop for the Believer.

/Scar tissue is built on the right side of the soul after the point of contact on the left side has become hardened. The initial steps into self-induced misery, usually begin after we purposely reject BD and slowly begin to ignore the justice system of GOD. This becomes a point of damage that will develop scar tissue if left unchecked. The right lobe eventually gets infected and when both sides have been scarred for a period of time, there is a black-out of the soul.\

Scar Tissue develops over the course of time and covers the right lobe in several ways.

Many of these sins and lust patterns we each have fallen into and we all have to accept the fact that none of us are perfect.

In closing, I will cover some of these sins and habitually behaviors that cause scar tissue of the soul, especially the deep portions of our soul, within what we note as the right lobe of the mind.

/Adultery or uncontrolled sexual lust whether single or married, can harden the right lobe of the soul;

Prov 6:32 One who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself commits it.\

Promiscuousness in women and men becomes a form of hardening yourself toward the things of GOD.

It distorts your sexual appetite and sends your desires off in directions that Satan can manipulate.

/Eph 4:19 and they, having become callous, have **given themselves up to indecent behavior** for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Rom 1:26 For this reason **God gave them over to degrading passions**; for their women exchanged natural relations for **that which is contrary to nature**, 27 and likewise the men, too, **abandoned natural relations** with women and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing shameful acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.\

Sexual sins lead to more perversions and more twisted desires.

It is a vicious cycle.

/Mental Attitude Sins, whether pride, bitterness, jealousy, anger or any of the others, is very damaging to the soul (1Jhn2:9-11);

1Jhn 2:9 The one who says that he is in the Light and *yet* hates his brother *or sister* is in the darkness until now. \

1Jhn 2:10 The one who loves his brother *and sister* remains in the Light, and there is nothing in him to cause stumbling. 11 But the one who hates his brother *or sister* is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

/Drunkenness and drug addiction can cause scar tissue on the soul;

Eph 5:18 And **do not get drunk** with wine, in which **there is debauchery**, but be filled with the Spirit,

Pro 20:1 Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink a brawler, And **whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise**. \

Many forms of addictions are nothing more than a person allowing the OSN to take control and it becomes a habit.

We will close today reading from Galatians chapter five.

Addiction is very tricky, because we all have different areas of weakness. Alcohol, sex, gambling, drugs…we simply do not know what will quickly hook us and cause great mental and physical misery in our lives.

This again harkens back to the warning of watching who you become intimate with. All addictions are distortions of what GOD has created for human pleasure or for good.

/1Cor 5:11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is a **sexually immoral** person, or a **greedy**person, or an **idolater**, or is verbally abusive, or **habitually drunk**, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a person.\

God created sex, food and alcohol for a form of pleasure and yet it has all become distorted in the devil’s world.

God created forms of medicine and by the way, most are to be derived from nature - not man-made chemicals.

Homeopathic healers and natural remedies were destroyed by the Rockefeller foundation in the 1920’s. That family introduced big pharma products and infiltrated the medical colleges across America.

Many pharmaceuticals are made by the derivatives of the Rockefeller petroleum empire. REPEAT

Gal 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior,

God created sex for one man and one woman to enjoy one another – yet see how Satan has distorted that which God creates.

/[Gal 5:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/20/s_1096020) idolatry, **witchcraft** (*pharmakeia*), hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions,

This is describing someone with scar tissue of the soul – a lifestyle. Sorcery and dark magic introduced intoxicants into the rituals.\

We adopted our word Pharmacy from this Greek term for black magic.

**/**[Gal 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/21/s_1096021) envy, **drunkenness, carousing,** and things like these, of which I **forewarn you**, just as I have forewarned you, that those who **practice** such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Speaking to a lifestyle, addiction is a tool of Satan and his army.\

As I have covered before - the term *inherit the kingdom of GOD* speaks to a portion.

Bels who struggle with addiction, do not lose their salvation. Yet they do miss out on crowns, blessings and rewards if they continue to partake until their physical death.

Many die the sin unto death.