

1. Tonight we will continue our study of the Book of Colossians at verse twelve of chapter three. Last week I taught in part Col 3:12 and when time expired we were in the process of studying the Greek word **Chrestotes** translated in the KJV "kindness."
2. Before we continue that analysis you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. So far we have exegeted that portion of Col 3:12 which in the KJV has been rendered "*Put on therefore, as the elect of God holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, ...*" noting it might better be translated "**Therefore in view of what we have just learned you must clothe, adorn and invest yourselves like what you are, elected ones of God, members of His forever family, set-apart and loved by each member of the Trinity, manifesting emotional stability and control ...**"
4. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV.

#### KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

5. I want to review some of that learned last week and then pick up with new material on page 2.
6. Last week, after a review of the Doctrine of the Emotions of The Soul, we resumed our exegesis of verse twelve with the phrase "kindness, humbleness of mind."

#### KINDNESS, HUMBLENESS OF MIND, χρηστοτης ταπεινοφροσυνη

1. The phrase **Chrestotes Tapeinophrosune** is better translated "and be filled with gentleness and kindness ..."
2. **Chrestotes** means "benignity, kindness, good, goodness" or "gentleness." It is used of a person possessing a gentle disposition. Let me give you several uses found elsewhere in the New Testament.

It is used of God's goodness and kindness in sending His Son.

Rom 2:3 So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Rom 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his "**goodness**," tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's "**kindness**" leads you toward repentance?

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his "**kindness**" toward us through Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Tit 3:4 But after that the "**kindness**" and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

It is used with the negative adverb to describe mankind as being totally depraved and without goodness.

Rom 3:12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does "**good**," not even one."

It is used in Paul's description of himself and what he experienced as God's Apostle to the gentiles.

2Co 6:4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;

2Co 6:5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;

2Co 6:6 in purity, understanding, patience and "**kindness**;" in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

2Co 6:7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;

2Co 6:8 through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;

2Co 6:9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;

2Co 6:10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

It is said to be one of the fruits of the spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, "**gentleness**," goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

3. **Tapeinophrosune** can be found 6 other places in the New Testament where it is translated "humble, humbleness, humility, lowliness of mind" or "lowliness."

3.1 Let me give you several uses found elsewhere in the New Testament.

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Acts 20:18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all "**humility**" of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Acts 20:20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2 With all "**lowliness**" and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Phi 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in "**lowliness**" of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Phi 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Phi 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Col 2:18 Do not let anyone who delights in false "**humility**" and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

Col 2:19 He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Col 2:20 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

Col 2:21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?

Col 2:22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Col 2:23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom with their self-imposed worship, and "**humility**," and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with "**humility**:" for God resisteth the proud, and giveth

grace to the humble.

1Pe 5:6 Humble (**Tapeinoo**) yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1Pe 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

4. Let's review several instances of humility found in Scripture.

David, 1Sa 18:18-23, 2Sa 7:18;

1Sa 18:17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

1Sa 18:18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

1Sa 18:19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

1Sa 18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

1Sa 18:21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

1Sa 18:22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

1Sa 18:23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

Introduction to David's Prayer

2Sa 7:18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

Mephibosheth, 2Sa 9:8;

2Sa 9:8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

2Sa 9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

Josiah, 2Ch 34:22-27;

2Ch 34:22 And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect.

2Ch 34:23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

2Ch 34:24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

2Ch 34:25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

2Ch 34:26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard;

2Ch 34:27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

John the Baptist, Mar 1:7;

Mar 1:7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Mar 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Cornelius, Acts 10:33;

Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Peter, Luk 5:8-10;

Luk 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Luk 5:9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

Luk 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

5. The book of Proverbs has several things to say about humility.

Pro 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Pro 18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

Pro 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

8. And now for the phrase "meekness, longsuffering."

MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING; **πραυτης μακροθυμια**

1. The phrase **Prautes Makrothumia** is better translated "modesty and humility of mind always displaying stability even under pressure ..."

2. **Prautes** is a noun declined as an accusative singular; followed by the noun **Makrothumia** which is also declined as an accusative singular. Let's review a categorical study of meekness.

### **Doctrine of Meekness**

1. Definition: It means to be mild in the sense of being humble because you know that God is in charge and you belong to Him and His plan is perfect.

1.1 Etymology - There are two Greek words **PRAUS** and **PRAUTES** from which we get various translations and derivatives. In the Hebrew most of our translations come from **ANAV** a verb meaning "to be gentle of mind and saintly."

1.2 The Etymology is not as important as the categorical use because secular uses leave much to be desired as we shall see.

2. **MEEKNESS** - Nave has outlined an interesting study of several Old Testament and New Testament characters who were uniquely meek.

#### 2.1 Abraham

Gen 13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren.

#### 2.2 Moses

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.

Exo 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Num 12:2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

Num 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, (**ANAV**) meaning gentle of mind and

saintly above all the men who were upon the face of the earth.)

Num 16:3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Num 16:4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

Num 16:5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the LORD will show who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. ...

Num 16:16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow:

2.2.1 And God set His face against the arrogant and He gave grace to the humble Moses.

Num 16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

### 2.3 King Saul

1Sa 10:26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

1Sa 10:27 But many of those who had rejected his authority said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace.

1Sa 11:5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

1Sa 11:6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

1Sa 11:7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent ...

1Sa 11:11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

### 2.4 David

Psa 120:5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar! (These two places are representative of faraway gentile lands to the north of Israel used figuratively here for his sojourn with the Philistine when Saul was chasing him).

Psa 120:6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

Psa 120:7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

Psa 121:1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Psa 121:2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

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