

Week Nine March 8 4:17-32 Murray

Discussion Questions

1. Read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations. Stop and ask God to open His word to your understanding and to change you this week.
2. Who is the person being described in verses 17-19? What category of sins does Paul seem to be describing here?
3. What does he mean by “you did not learn Christ in this way”?
4. What has been happening to the old self or old man in the believer? Why is this important to understand?
5. How does verse 23 connect back to verses 17-19? How are you being renewed in the spirit of your mind? What practical steps can you take or continue taking to ensure this happens on a regular basis?
6. What does it mean to put on the new man or the new self?
7. What creation is Paul referring to in v.24?
8. What pattern do you notice in verses 25, 28, 29, 31 and 32? How does this relate to verses 20-24?
9. Why does letting the sun go down on your anger give the devil an opportunity (vs. 27)? What opportunity does this give him?
10. What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit of God (vs. 30)?
11. What do the sins of verse 31 all have in common?
12. Reflect on verse 32. Why is forgiveness sometimes so hard? Why is it sometimes so easy? Is there someone in your life who has hurt you that you need to forgive? Ask God to help you do what you can't do alone.