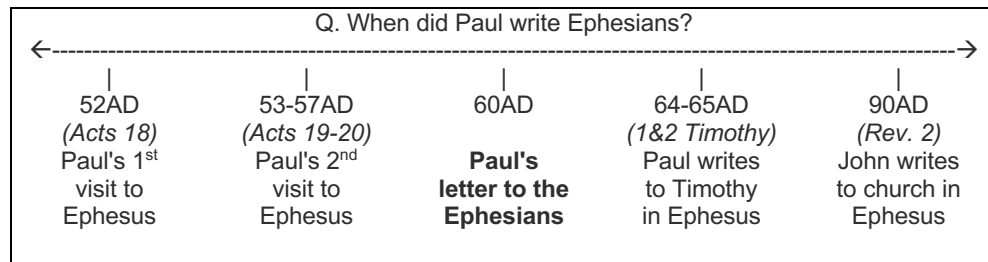


Sermon Outline

NOT EVEN A HINT ... | Geoff Lin

Bible reading: Ephesians 4:7-5:20 (Page 1667)



Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

The God who is rich in mercy
(Chs 1-3)

The God who prepared good works in
advance for us to do (Chs 4-6)

1. "No longer live the way the Gentiles do ..." (4:17-19)

Ch 2: "dead in our transgressions and sins", "gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts", "deserving of wrath"

Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, holding on to faith and a good **conscience**, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. (1 Tim 1:18-19)

They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear **conscience**. (1 Tim 3:9)

Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose **consciences** have been seared as with a hot iron. (1 Tim 4:2)

Christopher Ash, *Pure Joy: Rediscover your conscience* (2012)

=> Conscience is _____ but _____

2. "The way of life you learned ..." (4:20-24)

put off the old self ...

... put on the new self ...

... be made new in the attitude of your minds

3. "Walk in the way of love ..." (4:25-5:20)

(put off ... put on ... the new mindset in Christ ...)

4:25 truthfulness

4:26-27 anger

4:28 theft

4:29-30 speech

"It refers not to a direct attack on the Spirit but to believers engaging in sinful activities mentioned in the previous verses (especially harmful speech) which destroy relationships within the body and so mar the Spirit's work in building Christ's people. Anything incompatible with the unity or purity of the church is inconsistent with the Spirit's own nature and therefore grieves him." (PT O'Brien, *The Letter to the Ephesians*)

4:31-32 character

5:1-2 Follow God's example and walk in the way of love

"walk in good works" (2:2, 2:10, 4:1, 4:17. 5:2, 5:8, 5:15)

"fragrant offering and sacrifice"

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first ... (Rev 2:4-5b)

This week's memory verse: Ephesians 5:1-2

5:3-7 not even a hint of sexual immorality, impurity, or greed

5:8-14 once were in darkness ... now you are light ... live as children of the light ...

5:15-20 be careful how you live ...

For discussion:

1. What's an application or situation for YOU to consider?
2. What could motivate YOU to want to "walk this way"?

