

Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

“God’s Perspective on the World” – Ephesians 4:17-19

I. Introduction

A. Sayings of the ancient classical world.

1. Encouragement to conform in order to fit in.
2. Foolish counsel.

B. The Text: Ephesians 4:17-19

1. Background on the location of the Ephesian church.

II. Exposition

A. verses 17-19.

1. Paul’s writing pattern

a. Similar to Romans.

1. Romans 1-11 followed by 12-16
2. Ephesians 1-3 followed by 4-6

2. Subject to personal holiness.

a. Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

3. Paul’s description of the present worldly mindset.

4. Futility of mind

- a. Romans 1:18-39
- b. MacArthur

5. Darkened in understanding and separated from God

a. Total depravity

- b. Texts on man’s depravity: Mark 7:21-23; John 3:19; Romans 8:7-8; I Cor. 2:14; Jeremiah 13:23

6. Hardness of heart

- a. Background of word
- b. Romans 1:18-39

7. Having become callous, vs. 19.

- a. I Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:15

8. Sensuality, vs. 19.

- a. Greek is *aselgea* meaning _____.
- b. Today’s clothing styles for women.

B. There are five points related to our text.

1. God has revealed Himself to all people.
2. People have rejected God by suppressing His revelation.
3. God’s wrath is upon them.
4. Moral darkening has taken root in their intellect.
5. We are not to follow the lifestyle of the world.

C. Spiritual deadness.

1. Illustration on hearing but not hearing.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Review Ephesians 4:17 daily!

B. If a Christian, then do as a Christian does and not as a Roman.

C. Pray for God’s Spirit to work in His church and the world.