

# Spiritual 'Arthritis' Continues to Move Deeper and Deeper into the Bones of This Country/World

*A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.*

**Proverbs 14:30**

*One of my joys is sitting down – finally being able to concentrate – and do some word study comparing verses with other verses – looking up some words in the 1828 to hopefully expand my own personal vocabulary – as well as develop a better understanding of words in our English language.*

*Then making a 'sermon-study' out of that time spent. Maybe – just maybe – someone else will benefit from my 'simple study.'*

**Today, we see the daily growing of intense hatred & violence in the news, we see that in the cities, in the neighborhoods, as well as in our own families face-to-face or in their favorite social media apps, etc. It seems a civil war is brewing... however, we 'in the know' do know where this is all coming from as well as to where it is all headed.**

**Behind this hatred, violence, etc. are at least two basic things:**

**Pride - *Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.* Proverbs 13:10**

**Envy - *A sound heart is the life of the flesh: envy the rottenness of the bones.* Proverbs 14:30**

**Today, we are going to look at ENVY as the cause of so much hatred and violence!**

(scroll down to the end of these notes for a very detailed and expanded definition of envy!)

## Introduction

**First, For and TO us: Colossians 3:1-6**

**1 – *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.***

**2 - *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.***

**3 - *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.***

**4 - *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.***

*Finish up verses 5-7 for the sake of verse 6,  
but these verses 5-10 would make another sermon-study..*

**5 - *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:***

**6 - *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:***

**7 - *In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.***

P.S. Do you remember the death and dying series – part IV – when we die? We learned that we will **a)** be present with the Lord; **b)** we will sleep in Jesus and **c)** God will bring us with him; (**I Cor 15:51,52; I Thessalonians 4:14**).

So then of course, in as it says in **verse 4** – “*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory*”. Makes even more sense now – with another verse to add to our time of death, etc.!

So, in our daily life, we must always be reminded to be mindful of **Colossians 3:1-4!**

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**But for those ‘others’...**

- Let’s ‘try’ to remember **verse 6**, for their sake! *...the wrath of God cometh.*
  - Their day is yet to come, but for now, they are living in the dispensation of the grace of God right along with us!
    - **Romans 2:4-6** (**verses 7-11** would be another good sermon-study) - “*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:”*
    - **II Corinthians 5:11a** - *Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; b*
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**Body of sermon-study**

## **2017 - ENVY – 2017**

Today, there is a tremendous amount of hatred, evil wishes, verbally expressed desires for the death of others, accompanied by physical and mental attacks towards any of the following:

- There is great envy being generated towards President Trump along with anyone who supports President Trump anywhere and everywhere (*home and work – smells of another civil war*) with old fashioned morals, right and wrong values, etc.!
- There was envy towards Joseph in his day!
- There was envy towards Jesus during the gospels days!
- There was, is and will be envy towards the risen Christ – along with His followers (not imitators) today!
- There was, is and will be envy towards Paul and his followers (not imitators).
- There has been, is and will be envy towards King James Bible Only followers – even just carrying a King James Bible with you will expose that envy and hatred. (*see Amos 8:11-13*)!
- Even among the KJB guys today, there is and will be envy towards those who rightly divide by Paul’s books only!

## Objectives of this sermon-study:

- a) To understand that, according to Scriptures, ‘their’ hatred, meanness, etc. is simply ‘envy’!
- b) We cannot let ourselves fall into that trap of envy. We can certainly disagree, dispute, etc. but we cannot allow us to be envious because of their...
  - a. Earthly riches – insurances – food, etc., freebies they get from government’ health because of supposedly ‘God blessing them’, etc; educational degrees supposedly proving their background to be impressive and worthy of special glory and attention; large congregations that seem ‘blessed’ and with fellowship opportunities; good pay at work so they can live a ‘fun’ life; families with ‘successful kids;’ people with great retirement so they can do activities they have to tell you about on brag on your Facebook / Instagram / Twitter and in those Christmas letter updates, etc.

*Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*

**Psalm 37:1**

*For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.*

**Psalm 73:3**

*Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.*

**Proverbs 24:1**

*Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;*

**Proverbs 24:19**

*Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.*

**Proverbs 3:31**

*Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.*

**Proverbs 23:17**

## The Danger and Damage from Envy

**Job 5:2** - *For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.*

**Proverbs 27:4** - *Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?*

**Their day is coming – not now, but it is coming – sooner than later!**

**Ecclesiastes 9:6** - *Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.*

## Envy is Nothing New to Today!

**They envied Jesus** – they crucified Him!  
And it was the Religious who delivered him!

**Matthew 27:18** - *For he knew that **for envy** they had delivered him.*

**Mark 15:10** - *For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him **for envy**.*

**Even as far back as Joseph!** It was the ‘big guns’ who were envious!

**Acts 7:9** - *And the patriarchs, **moved with envy**, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,*

**And of course, as we see first-hand ourselves – they were envious of Paul...**

**Acts 13:45** - *But when the Jews saw the multitudes, **they were filled with envy**, and spake against those things which were **spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming**.*

- and look at how they went after him right away (and even officially conspired against him in **Acts 19**). **Contradicting** (modern bibles, great commission, church design, sermons, etc.) **and blaspheming** (now that is serious –they support and encourage and go along with women and men’s particular blaspheme’s today)

**They even managed to turn the people against him – violently!**

**Act 17:5** - *But the **Jews which believed not, moved with envy**, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and **set all the city on an uproar**, and **assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people**.*

## Envy is Only ‘Part’ of Their Description...

**Romans 1:29-32** - *Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; **full of envy**, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

**I Timothy 6:4** - *He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about **questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy**, strife, railings, evil surmisings,*

...as you can see, we shouldn’t be ‘surprised there is still so much hate – their hate and violence is brought out because they are envious!’

## We should not ‘wonder why’ they learned to be that way!

- Read **Romans 1:16-26** for the ‘reasons’ why they are this way – in other words, how did they get this way? (*This read in itself is worthy of a complete sermon series*)
- We also need to realize that it can be part of our own personal battle with our flesh, too. (**Romans 7:15-25; Colossians 2:11-13**)

**Titus 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.*

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### Word Definitions within the Definition

**EN'VY**, *verb transitive* [Latin *invideo*, in and *video*, to see against, that is, to look with enmity.]

1. *To feel uneasiness, mortification or discontent, at the sight of superior excellence, reputation or happiness enjoyed by another; to pine at another's prosperity; to fret or grieve one's self at the real or supposed superiority of another, and to hate him on that account.*

2. *To grudge; to withhold \*maliciously.*

**MALI'CIOUSLY**, *adverb*

With \*malice; with extreme enmity or ill will; with deliberate intention to injure.

**EN'VY**, *noun*

*Pain, uneasiness, mortification or discontent excited by the sight of another's superiority or success, accompanied with some degree of hatred or \*malignity, and often or usually with a desire or an effort to depreciate the person, and with pleasure in seeing him depressed. Envy springs from pride, ambition or love, mortified that another has obtained what one has a strong desire to possess.*

*Emulation differs from envy in ‘not’ being accompanied with hatred and a desire to depress a more fortunate person.*

1. *Rivalry; competition. (archaic)*

2. *Malice; \*malignity.*

3. *Public \*odium; ill repute; \*invidiousness.*

**MAL'ICE**, *noun* [Latin *malitia*, from *malus*, evil.]

*Extreme enmity of heart, or \*malevolence; a disposition to injure others without cause, from mere personal gratification or from a spirit of revenge; unprovoked \*malignity or spite.*

**MALIG'NITY**, *noun* [Latin *malignitas*.]

*Extreme enmity, or evil dispositions of heart towards another; \*malice without provocation, or \*malevolence with baseness of heart; deep rooted spite.*

1. *Virulence; destructive tendency;*
2. *Extreme evilness of nature;*
3. *Extreme sinfulness; \*enormity*

**ENOR'MITY**, *noun* [Latin *enormitas*.]

*1. Literally, the transgression of a rule, or deviation from right. Hence, any wrong, irregular, vicious or sinful act, either in government or morals.*

1. *Atrocious crime; \*flagitious villainy; a crime which exceeds the common measure.*
2. *Atrociousness; excessive degree of crime or guilt.*

**FLAGI'TIOUS**, *adjective* [Latin *flagitium*, a scandalous crime, probably from the root of *flagrant*.]

1. *Deeply criminal; grossly wicked; villainous; atrocious; scandalous;*
2. *Guilty of enormous crimes; corrupt; wicked;*
3. *Marked or infected with scandalous crimes or vices;*

**MALEV'OLENCE**, *noun* [Latin *malevolentia*; *malum*, evil, and *volens*, *volo*, to will.] *Ill will, personal hatred; evil disposition towards another; enmity of heart; inclination to injure others. It expresses less than \*malignity.*

**O'DIUM**, *noun* [Latin]

1. *Hatred; dislike.*
2. *The quality that provokes hatred; offensiveness.*

**INVID'IOUSNESS**, *noun*

*The quality of provoking envy or hatred.*