

...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Acts 18:26

The Sermon on the Mount Compared to Paul's Epistles Part II

Matthew 5:5,6

5: Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

According to the Risen Saviour through Paul, the way of God more perfectly still talks of meekness.

- Christ and meekness
 - Meek mild of temper; soft; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated; yielding; 2. humble, in an evangelical sense; submissive to the divine will; not proud, self-sufficient; not peevish and apt to complain of divine dispensations.
 - o Christ Himself says, Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."
- However, Christ wasn't always meek according to today's meekness definition!
 - Easily imposed on; submissive. quiet, and ready to do what other people say. evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant; "compliant and anxious to suit his opinions of those of others";
 - o Matthew 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
 - o Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
 - Matthew 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
 - o John 2:14-16 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.
- And yet, the Risen Saviour, through Paul, still does continue the importance of meekness!
 - o Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
 - Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
 - o Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

- o I Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- o II Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- But with that meekness also comes boldness, confidence, assurance, etc. even making firm decisions towards others!
 - o I Corinthians 4:21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?
 - o II Corinthians 10:1,2 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.
 - Gentleness
 - Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
 - Boldness / Confidence
 - II Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.
 - Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
 - Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.
 - I Timothy 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
 - Contention
 - I Thessalonians 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.
 - Dissension and disputation
 - Acts 15:2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.
 - Meekness is not the rolling over turning the other cheek, smiling ear to ear, being positive in all things, hiding in the bushes, head down with mouth shut concept of modern 'Christianity.' etc.
 - Depart
 - Despise
 - Destroy

- Prayer
- Tears
- Grace
- Truth
- Mercy
- Longsuffering
- Patience
- Reprove
- Rebuke
- Get away
- (Avoid; withdraw from such; not strive; neither give heed; purge; reject; be not partakers; mark; note them; have no company; not to company with; put away from among yourselves; cast off; have no fellowship)
- Deliver them unto Satan ...
- Meekness? How about Silence / Quiet / Peace
 - I Timothy 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 - o Paul does tell the women of today to quiet down!
 - I Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
 - I Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
 - o And it isn't easy we all have to study to be quiet!
 - I Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
 - Their business is not anyone else's!
 - Even within a mixed-miserable-marriage of madness peace can be expected!

I Corinthians 7:15 - But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

6: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

- Do you?
 - Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.!
 - o Rom:6:20: For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
- Do you now?
 - Rom:6:18: Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
- Whose righteousness?
 - o Rom:10:3: For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
 - o Phil:3:9: And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- Filled? How?

- o II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- o Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- o Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
- o Romans 9:30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.
- Do we love the appearing of our KJB?
 - o II Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- Not only doing, but being made
 - o II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- End of the law for righteousness
 - o Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Being taught wrong by the wrong ones!

- II Corinthians 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- Acts 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us! We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the 'TO!"