

v. 14 - Children - is literally "that which does not talk"

v. 15 - Speaking the truth - "truthing it" has the meaning of living it as you speak it "in love" - this qualifies the first 3 words - meaning a "true being who is truth" speaking with loving caution, not breaking up, but cementing brotherly love by walking in truth

"Unto him - the Head - even Christ" - this is not growing to resemble him, but rather he is the source from which the power comes to grow, He is also the object of our growth

v. 16
Plurality
of Oneness

The analogy of the Head & Body is used to illustrate our individual relationship to Christ and to one another → a process is going on "From whom, as a source all the body being - constantly joined - closely together and growing constantly - together" - this is a vital organic union "through the intermediate agency of every joint of supply" - the joints of supply are the BONDS which bind the members together and are also the CHANNELS through which the Source of life is supplied from the Head to the various members. This Divine Energy joining closely together the members causing them to grow into an organic union.

This mysterious growth does so according to the proper working of every part - this operating energy is determined by the capacity of each part to hold ^(under stress) and allow to operate in her. - determined by the individual's fellowship with the Lord and with fellow Christians

Equation

Building up - in love - the more compactly built the Body = the more love will be shown. The joints are the means of union in the Body and also the channels for the life which is drawn by the members from the Head



V.17 - "Therefore" resumes the exhortation of v.1-3 which Paul is giving as made by Christ Himself "futility of their mind" - limited by the world system intellectualism, which is unreality futile - resultless ness. - confusion

Tree of Knowledge G+E

V.18 - "darkened" - the inevitable result of not walking in the light - The "life of God" for which we were all created to be containers - if refused repeatedly becomes moral blindness, ignorance of divine truths - this ignorance is in them not external. Hardness - means 'callouses', both moral and mental

Tree of Life

1 Cor. 13:8

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Rom. 1

v. 19 - moral insensibility - to give one's self up, acknowledging no restraints "unto every kind of uncleanness" - *existentialism*

v. 20-21 "You did not learn Christ in this way" - ecrist tense meaning a specific time - the time of conversion - "learn Christ" is not doctrine, or learn about Christ - but Christ is the subject, the content, of his own message - the "knowing" of "belonging to Him & in Him" - union with Christ - in fellowship with Christ & His body - 'caught' "The spiritual reality that is in Him". Jesus is used here - the historical name rather than the prophetic - he is a real person & we have real fellowship with him as flous as well as Christ the messiah of Prophecy

v. 22-24

"lay aside the Old self" - is that person who is man (^{Bios}anthropos), but is not "in Christ", one who is a son of Adam's with a dying nature (Rom. 6:6) -> says that our old man (Adam's) was crucified with Christ in order that our ^{+moral} physical ^{zoë} body (with its wrong desires) might be inoperative and it will not be a slave to sin

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This relationship is called our identification with Christ in His Crucifixion. Potentially we put off the old man, and we did actually do it at the time we accepted Christ.

Position
& Riches
in Christ

'Corrupted' - a progressive condition controlled by the old self inherited from Adam - the World System type of living which is separation from God - & anyone separated from God ends up in death Chaos, appearances to the contrary.

The NEW SELF - in the LIKENESS of God - is RIGHTEOUSNESS
HOLINESS of the
TRUTH

"Spirit of your mind" - the spirit of man can know & discern what the soul cannot. The soul knows by reason & circumstantial evidence experiences - The ^{human} spirit can discern ~~without~~ these things without experiencing them.

→ Christ "① perceived in his spirit"

"② sighed deeply in his spirit"

"③ groaned in the spirit"

But, ^{as believers} now the 'Soul-life' is to be denied, as Christ said, and then transformed into the image of Christ. It is to reflect Christ and express Christ. We

① "receive Him in our spirit" - ② then reflect and express Him with our transformed soul - a process (II Cor. 3:18)

Mt. 10:38