**Grieving the Holy Spirit**

***Eph 4:29*** *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

***30*** *And grieve* ***[distress, place in heaviness, cause to be sad]*** *not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

The Holy Spirit makes us God conscious, always making us aware of the power of God that dwells within us. When we grieve the Holy Spirit, we are yielding to the voice of the enemy who makes us self or sin conscious.

Corrupt communication involves speaking anything that does not acknowledge the power of God that resides within us. Instead of looking at a person or situation with the fact that there is a powerful God that resides within, ready to bring deliverance, we look at what we see and assess it as though God is not involved. We grieve the Holy Spirit when we say things that are opposite of what the Spirit would say. Our strength lies within the fact that God is our supply. We need to keep that always in mind. The enemy wants to separate us from our source because it is then that we are weak.

***Ephesians 4:17*** *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

***18*** *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

We need to always speak in such a manner that we are acknowledging the fact that we have a savior.

***Ephesians 4:24*** *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

***25*** *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

Not only do we need to speak with this in mind for ourselves, but also we need to speak with this in mind when we assess our fellow Christian brothers.

***29*** *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace* ***[favor, pleasure, joy]*** *unto the hearers.*

***31*** *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

***32*** *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

God wants us to view those we come in contact with the power of the cross in mind.

***1 Corinthians 1:2*** *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

***3*** *And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.*

***4*** *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

***5*** *That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

We need to focus on the new creature.

***2 Corinthians 5:16*** *Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

***17*** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*