- HUSBANDS, AS THE METAPHOR FOR CHRIST, ARE TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS CHRIST LOVES HIS BODY AND DIED FOR EACH BELIEVER; I.E., HUSBANDS ARE TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEY LOVE THEIR BODIES FOR NO ONE HATES HIS OWN BODY; NOR ARE THEY TO RULE IN ANGER AS TYRANTS
- OHLDREN ARE TO RESPECT AND OBEY AS ARE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS MATURING IN CHRIST

## PROLOGUE: PHILADELPHIA - WOMEN . BEST EXAMPLE OF PHILADELPHIA IS THE SOULOGUY GIVEN BY RUTH TO NAOM! (8) 14-18. NAOW, A JEWESS WHO LOST HER HUSBAND AND BOTH SONS IN MOAB, WAS RETURNING TO ISRAEL FOLLOWED BY HER SONS' TWO WIVES; SHE TELLS THEM TO REMAIN IN MOAB, FIND NEW HUSBANDS AND RESTART THEIR LIVES - ONE RETURNS TO IDOLATRY, RUTH REPUSES RUTH STAYS BECAUSE SHE FOUND GOD THROUGH NAOMI AND WILL NOT REMAIN IN A LAND. WITHOUT GOD, THUS, SHE NOT ONLY REJECTS EVIL, SHE CLINGS TO GOOD TO FULFILL HER LIFE . WITHOUT PROMISE OF SUPPORT, BOTH RETURN TO ISRAEL THOUGH NADWL, PLEASANT, NOW CALLS HERSELF MARA, BITTER; BUTH, FRIENDSHIP, STICKS CLOSER THAN A RELATIVE OF TRAIN . FROM HER PHILADELPHIA CAME DAVID AND CHRIST, THE FRIEND OF ALL SAVED NO 15/13/13/ NO RULES TO LIVE BY ... . NEW CHRISTIANS, AND IMMATURE BELIEVERS, SEEK RULES TO GOVERN BEHAVIORS AND SIMPLIFY CHOICES BUT RULES ULTIMATELY FAIL, JUSTIFYING THE FLESH; MOVEMENT YEARS AGO POPULARIZED THIS THIRST FOR RULES, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DOP" (WWJD) 100x 2004 228 . GOD'S MORAL LAW AND THE JEWISH RESPONSE SHOWED THAT FOLLOWING A RULE-BASED PHILOSOPHY DOES NOT BRING SALVATION, OR GODLY WISDOM, RATHER, IT STRENGTHENS THE FLESH TURNING ONE AGAINST GOD BY ELEVATING SELF: ESSENCE OF WORKS (\$1.51-61-10) B-111 . CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT SHOWED HOW THE MORAL LAW WAS DESIGNED TO LEAD ONE TO GOVERN ONE'S BEHAVIOR BY DISCERNAIGHT, EXPERIENTIALLY RECOGNIZING AND REJECTING EVIL WHILE CHOOSING GOOD; THAT IS WHAT JESUS DID VIA THE SPIRIT (AT \$17-46, HE \$11-14). GENUINE AGAPE IS DOING, NOT SAYING PAUL CONTINUES TO DESCRIBE HOW HATING THE EVIL AND BEING GLUED TO THE GOOD LOOKS IN ONE'S LIFE; NOTICE, BEING GLUED TO GOOD IS IN THE PASSIVE VOICE, IT OCCURS OUTSIDE OF SELF, IT IS THE CHARISMA OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH US WHAT FOLLOWS IS A SERIES OF DIRECT OBJECTS THAT FLOW FROM THE ACTIVE REJECTION OF EVIL, DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT BE INSTRUCTED IN GOOD BY THE SPIRIT BO 1221, 100 214. IN ENGLISH THESE ARE PRESENTED AS BULLETS, IN THE GREEK THEY ARE SEPARATED BY COMMAS THUS, GIVING HONOR (TIMH) TO OTHERS WHICH IS POSSIBLE ONLY BY THE CHARISMA OF THE SPIRIT AND LEADS THIS LIST OF WHAT CHRISTIANITY LOOKS LIKE, ESPECIALLY AS ONE MATURES



#### DIRECTED EMOTIONS

- ONE OF THE HARDEST CONCEPTS TO GRASP IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EMOTIONALISM OF THE FLESH AND ZEALOUSNESS, FIRE, OF THE SPIRIT
  - NEW ORISTIANS ARE OFTEN HASTY, BUT THEY HAVE NEITHER THE DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING NOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SPIRIT TO DISCIRIN HASTE FROM ZEAL
  - FLESH IS THOROUGHLY DECEITFUL SEEKING TO SUBSTITUTE HASTE IN LIEU OF ZEALOUSNESS WHICH RESULTS IN TROUBLE RATHER THAN WISDOM (# 174)
  - QNLY UNDER THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SPIRIT CAN ONE TRULY BE ZEALOUS AND NOT SIN (DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PATIENCE, MACROTHYMIA, AND LUST, HYPERTHYMIA)
  - HASTE SERVES SELF, HYPOWENE (STEADFAST) ZEAL SERVES CHRIST (BOUGHT BY CHRIST) 80 84-8 (CO73)-20









## MARKS OF CHRISTIAN MATURITY

- . SERVING CHRIST VIA THE SPIRIT, RESTING IN HIM, PRODUCES THESE MATURATION QUALITIES
  - CALMNESS THAT COMES FROM THE HOPE INHERENT IN SALVATION BASED ON CHRIST HE BUT 200
  - STEADFAST OR ENDURANCE IN TRIBULATION RATHER THAN PANIC AND WAILS OF ANGER
  - . CONSISTENCY IN PRAYER, ALWAYS LOOKING TO THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF FAITH (HE 131-3)
- THIS INNER CALM IS PRODUCED BY RESTING IN CHRIST AND DIFFERENTIATES CHRISTIANS BY MR 1108-20
  - . CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS: BODY SENDING HELP TO PARTS IN NEED
  - . SHOWING LOVE TO STRANGERS, HOSPITALITY (DIACEENIA, PHILO-XENIA) (IX 1240)
- . THESE QUALITIES DIFFERENTIATE AND ATTRACT UNSETTLED LOST WHO SEEKING HOPE (FR 2012-17)







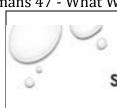


## PAUL FOLLOWS CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- FROM THESE QUALITIES PAUL BEGINS TO BUILD TOWARD HIS NEXT MAJOR TOPIC AND
  FOLLOWS CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT: "HOW CAN ONE TAKE THE GOSPEL INTO THE
  WORLD WHEN ONE IS AT WAR WITH THE WORLD; WHO WOULD LISTEN!" (MT \$44)-44)
  - MATURE BELIEVER RECOGNIZES THAT WE DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST PEOPLE BUT AGAINST SPIRITUAL POWERS, SATAN AND DEMONS, ARRAYING THEMSELVES AGAINST GOD 37 615-15, AGR 10
  - THEREFORE, WE DO NOT CURSE OR FIGHT THE LOST, WHICH IS RETURNING EVIL FOR EVIL; WE ARE
    COMMANDED TO REFLECT CHRIST'S MERCY TOWARD THEM AS HE DID TOWARD US (N 2012)
  - THERE IS NO BATTLE, CHRIST WON THE WAR AT CALVARY; THERE IS THE ONLY THE GOSPEL SO
    THOSE WHO HEAR CAN BE SAVED EVEN AS WE WERE SAVED BY THE WORD 100 316-31, 97-525-25.







### SHARING ONE'S FAITH RESPONSIBLY

- SHARING ONE'S FAITH IS NOT DIFFICULT, THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED BY OTHERS; BUT WHEN IT IS SHARED IN THE COMMON EXPERIENCES OF LIFE OTHERS SEE THE DIFFERENCE
  - WHEN OTHERS ARE HAPPY ABOUT THE COMMON GRACE RECEIVED IN LIFE WE CALMLY REJOICE (XAIPQ) WITH THEM, LOST AND SAVED, AS THIS REJOICING FLOWS FROM SPIRIT (GRACE) (MT SALE AND ALL THE SALE AND SAVED).
  - WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE GRIEF COMMON TO ALL, CHRISTIANS CAN WEEP WITH THEM IN
    THEIR LOSS SHOWING THEM THAT CHRIST CARES ABOUT THEM AS HE EXPERIENCED LOSS
    ([LAZARUS])
  - . THIS IS "BEING IN THE WORLD" BUT "NOT OF THE WORLD" DO 17/16/16, 20, 100 59/10.
  - HOWEVER, WE MUST TAKE CARE NOT TO BE OVERCOME BY THE WORLD (2013) 1430, 140 4440.





## **BALANCE OF CHRISTIAN MATURITY**

- HARMONY (ΦΡΟΝΕΩ, PHRONEO) (ESV) CARRIES A MUCH DEEPER CONNOTATION IN GREEK
  - . PHRONEO IS A BALANCED UPE BASED ON DISCERNMENT DE SALLAGO
  - REFERS TO PAUL'S BASIS FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY, REJECTING EVIL AND BEING GLUED TO GOOD IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT
  - MATURING CHRISTIAN IS NOT OVERCOME BY THE WORLD BECAUSE HE, SHE, EXPERIBITIALLY LEARNS TO REJECT EVIL BY GROWTH IN THE WORD OF GOD BY THE SPIRIT (DISCERNMENT)
  - QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH WHICH CONSTANTLY SUCCUMBED TO THE WORLD WAS CORINTH; MANY OF TODAY'S CHURCHES FOLLOW CORINTH'S EXAMPLE EMBRACING THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE WORLD AND REJECTING THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION; WAY OF SINNERS









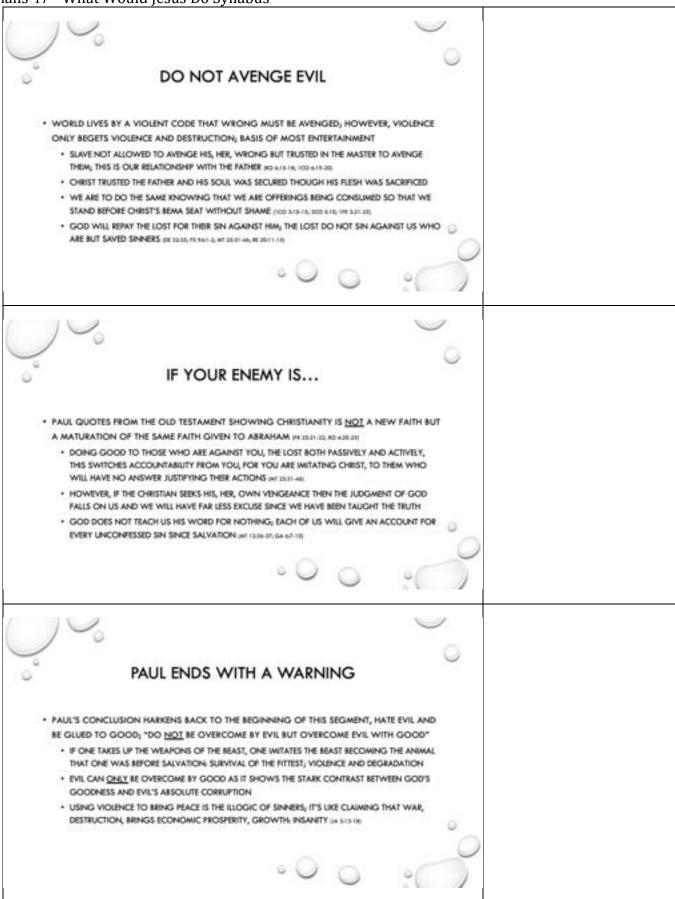
#### OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF MATURITY

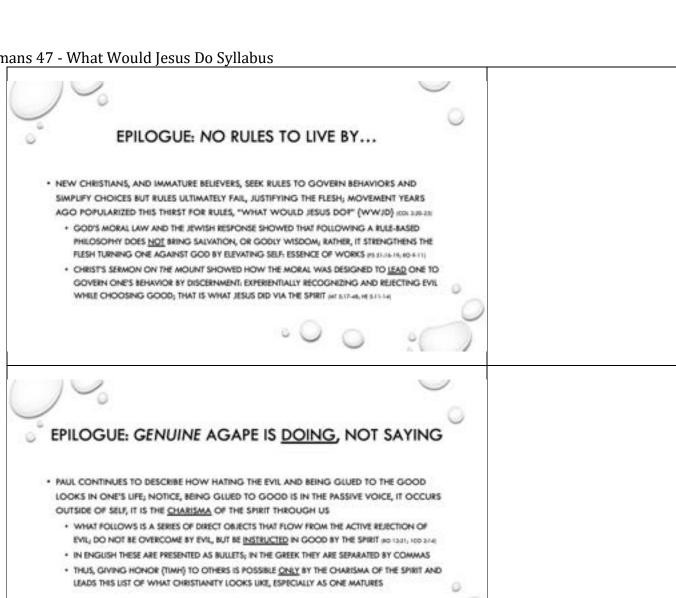
- . PAUL, IN STACCATO FASHION, GIVES SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF DISCERNING BALANCE IN LIFE
  - REFUSAL TO BE SEDUCED BY THE WORLDLY POWERFUL BY KNOWING HOW TO BE ABASED AS CHRIST (WHEN HE CAME AS HUMBLE SLAVE OF GOD) (100 100 20, Pr. 224, 411-15, 1421-19)
  - ONE'S SINFUL WORLDVIEW MUST BE REJECTED AS IT ALWAYS SEEKS TO MAKE YOU THE HERO OF YOUR OWN STORY WHICH MEANS CHRIST MUST DECREASE; THUS, TRIALS TO MAKE ONE WISE
  - DO NOT REPAY EVIL WITH EVIL; THE CHRISTIAN REPAYS EVIL WITH THE GOOD (KANOZ) THAT THE SPIRIT HAS DEVELOPED IN ONE'S LIFE VIA THE HAGIAZO PROCESS; WE ARE STRANGERS OF THE PARK
  - THUS, CHRIST COMMANDS EACH CHRISTIAN TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH OTHERS IN SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, THIS IS MATURITY, FAR VIEW (AT 2.01-41)













- PAUL'S CONCLUSION HARKENS BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS SEGMENT, HATE EVIL AND BE GLUED TO GOOD; "DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD"
  - . IF ONE TAKES UP THE WEAPONS OF THE BEAST, ONE INITIATES THE BEAST BECOMING THE ANIMAL THAT ONE WAS BEFORE SALVATION; SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST; VIOLENCE AND DEGRADATION
  - . EVIL CAN ONLY BE OVERCOME BY GOOD AS IT SHOWS THE STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN GOD'S GOODNESS AND EVIL'S ABSOLUTE CORRUPTION
  - . USING VIOLENCE TO BRING PEACE IS THE ILLOGIC OF SINNERS; LIKE CLAIMING THAT WAR, DESTRUCTION, BRINGS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, GROWTH: INSANITY (IA 3-1 )-18;





### CHARGING THE GATES OF HELL...

- . THIS COMMON EUPHEMISM IS A MISREPRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE (MT 18.15-18)
  - . FIRST REFERENCE TO THE COMING CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY (EXXAMELA BIXLESIA), CHURCH
  - · PLAY ON GREEK WORDS, COMMON IN HEBRAIC SCRIPTURE
  - · PETER (INÉTPOS, PETROS): LITTLE STONE
  - CHRIST: LARGE STONE (FIETPA, PETRA) REFERENCING BACK TO DANIEL; ROCK CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS DESTROYING SATAN'S KINGDOM EFFORTS IN THIS CREATION (IA 2271-45)
  - CHRISTIANS ARE TOLD TO STAND, STAND, STAND (HYPOMENE); NEVER CHARGE #P+10-13;
  - MILITANT CHRISTIANITY IS WEAK FAITH SEEKING WORKS TO PLEASE GOD, USING WAYS OF THE WORLD WHICH DESTROYS ONE'S MATURATION IS \$5.00









## DO YOU HAVE GOD'S WISDOM?

- YOUR BEHAVIOR REVEALS WHETHER YOU POSSESS THE WISDOM OF GOD OR THE FOOLISHNESS OF SIN WHICH MASQUERADES AS WISDOM BUT STRENGTHENS THE FLESH (IA bits 18)
  - . MATURE FAITH IS MEEK, RESTING IN CHRIST PRODUCING GODLY PEACE: BEATITUDES (MT 5:0-12)
  - IMMATURE FAITH IS LARGELY SIN, SPRINGING FROM JEALOUSY AND SELFISH AMBITION (COVETOUSNESS), PRODUCING INNER TURMOR, DA ADJUL
  - GOD NOR THE WORLD IS POOLED, ONE SEEKS DOMINANCE RATHER THAN OBTAINING A HARVEST THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO CHRIST, THIS WAS THE ERROR OF JUDAISM
  - . PAUL WROTE THESE WORLDS HAVING SUFFERED FOR THE FAITH (300 11/30-31).









# JUDGE YOURSELF SO YOU MAY NOT BE JUDGED PROPRIETA

- THIS IS THE ULTIMATE MARK OF MATURITY AS CHRIST EXPLAINED IN THE MOUNT SERMON INT 21-31
  - . BELIEVERS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE SINCE WE BELONG TO HIM AND ACT IN HIS NAME (MT 2014-00)
  - WHEN ONE WORKS WITH THE SPIRIT ONE EXHIBITS THESE MARKS OF MATURITY WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN THIS LESSON BECAUSE THEY SPRING FROM ONE'S NEW NATURE (0A 200)
  - WHEN ONE QUENCHES THE SPIRIT, ONE'S SINFUL MINDSET RISES; BUT IT DOES NOT SATISFY AS THE NEW NATURE DESIRES THE WILL OF CHRIST; SPIRIT DISCIPLINES YOU E YOU ARE SAVED HE 123-16
  - LIVING IN SIN PROMOTES THE FLESH WHICH IS AT WAR WITH THE SPIRIT, THUS, ONE LOSES INNER PEACE UNTIL ONE CONFESSES ONE'S SIN AND RETURNS TO CHRIST, "DO YOU HAVE PEACER





