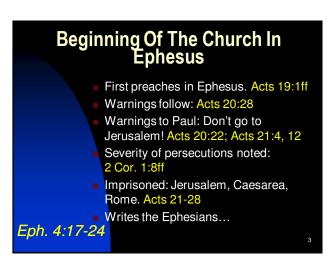
"Past Feeling"

Eph. 4:17-24

The Will of God

- Our sanctification. 1 Thess. 4:3-5
- Moral purity & holiness in all our conduct. 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2:11-12



Diana (Acts 19:24,27-28,34-35), in Roman mythology, was the goddess of the moon, hunting, wild animals, and virginity. Diana is the same as the Greek goddess Artemis (RSV, NIV, NASB), virgin goddess of the hunt and the moon. When Paul preached in Ephesus, the Ephesians were in an uproar because the gospel threatened to destroy the profit of the artisans who crafted silver shrines of Diana. lelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Copyright , Thomas Nelson Publishers) sia Minor: Ephesus





The Theater at Ephesus was able to seat up to 25,000 spectators It was here in AD 57 that Demetrius' protest against the Apostle Paul took place in which the Ephesians cried out for two hours, "great is Diana of the Ephesians" (Acts. 19:23). Photo C

"Past Feeling"! Eph. 4:17-24

apalgeo (ap-alg-eh'-o); from NT:575 and algeo (to smart); to grieve out, i.e. become apa

to become callous, insensible to pain, apathetic: so those who have become insensible to truth and honor and shame are called "apeelgeekotes" (A.V., past feeling) in Eph 4:19. rom Tayer Cred Labor Environ Cardina Congrets is Databased.

To grow or become insensible, void of or

Dast feeling. In Eph 4:19 used metaphorically meaning to be insensible to honor or shame. This is the word from which the Eng. "analgesic" is derived, meaning that which takes away pain.

Ancient Greece

"In Greece there has never been any shame in relationships before marriage or outside marriage. Demosthenes writes as if it was the merest <u>commonplace</u>, as indeed it was: <u>'We keep mistresses for pleasure, concubines</u> for the day-to-day needs of the body, but we have wives in order to produce children legitimately and to have a trustworthy guardian of our homes.'" (Barclay, *Flesh & Spirit*, p. 24)

Roman Empire

Morality during 1st half of the 2nd century

"...an age when shame seems to have vanished from the earth."

> (J. J. Chapman, cited in Flesh & Spirit, Barclay, p. 24)

Roman Empire

Adultery

"Roman women were married to be divorced & were divorced to be married. Some of them distinguished the years, not by the names of the consuls, but by the names of their husbands." (Seneca, <u>Ibid.</u>)

Roman Empire

Homosexuality

•Julius Caesar was notoriously the lover of king Nicomedes of Bithynia

•Nero "married" a youth called Sporus & had a marriage procession through the streets of Rome (Barclay, p. 27)

Roman Empire

"There was no strong body of opinion against immorality. To the Graeco-Roman world immorality in sexual matters was not immorality; it was established custom and practice." (Barclay, 28)

America, 2009

•Same-sex marriage being advanced

•Homosexual acceptance by some churches, in clergy, entertainment, etc.

•Premarital sex is common; adultery is widespread

Pervasive sexual promiscuity

"Past Feeling" Not New!

When God's people are not sensitive to sin. *Isa 5:20; Jer. 6:15; 1 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 3:12-13*

"I don't see anything wrong with it." 3

"Past Feeling"!

The Warnings of the Text: Eph. 4:14ff

- •Lk. 8:11
- 1 Cor. 9:27; 10:12
- Gal. 4:9; 5:4
- Heb. 3:6,12; 4:1,11; 10:26-29
- 2 Pet. 2:14-15, 20-22
- 1 Tim. 1:19-20; 4:1; 5:8; 6:10, 21
- 2 Tim. 2:18







Lasciviousness (aselgeia)

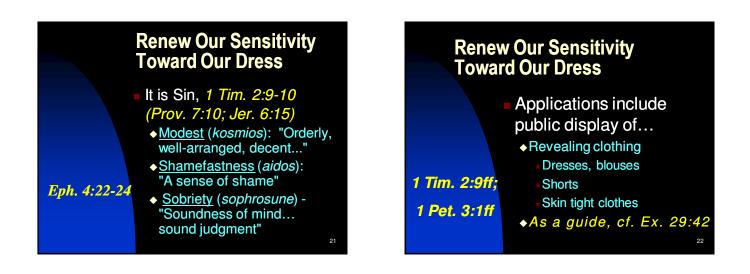
"unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageous-ness, shamelessness, insolence...wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males & females" (Fritzsche), Rom. 13:13" (Thayer, 79-80)

Uncleanness (akatharsia)

"in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living ... used of impure motives in 1 Thess. 2:3" (<u>Thaver</u>, 21)

Uncleanness is Inclusive

- Thought, Gen. 6:5; Prov. 23:7
 Word, Eph. 5:3-4
- Deed, Eph. 4:19-24 (Text)
- A greedy, selfish act designed to gratify fleshly lusts through impure means (cf. Mt. 5:8)



Not.... But.... 1 Tim. 2 & 1 Pet. 3

Not this:

Braided hair, gold pearls, costly raiment Not outward – braiding hair, wearing jewels of gold or putting on apparel

But this:

Modest apparel, shamefastness, sobriety. Becometh women professing godliness – good works. Quietness, subjection Chaste behavior, fear

Meek and quiet spirit

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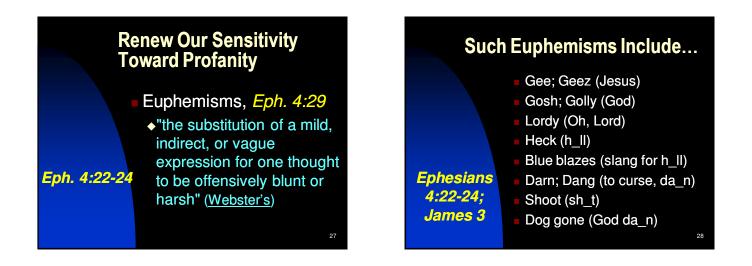
Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Fornication

Flee fornication! 1 Cor. 6:18; cf. Joseph – Gen. 39:7-12

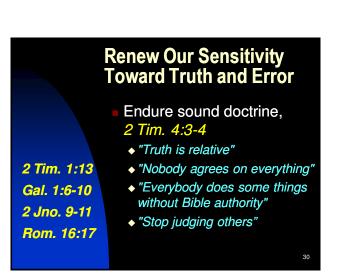
Eph. 5:3ff; Rom. 13:11ff Fornication (porneia)

 "Illicit sexual intercourse in general" (<u>Thayer</u>, 532) (*Mt. 5:32; 19:9*)
 Adultery – *Rom. 7:2-3; Heb. 13:4*

- Homosexuality Rom. 1:24-27;1 Cor. 6:9 (1 Tim. 1:10); Lev. 20:13
- ◆ Bestiality *Lev. 18:23; Ex. 22:19*







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Renew Our Sensitivity Toward Lost Souls

Try to save some, Mt. 9:36-38

- Conscious (He "saw" them)
- Compassion (moved Him)
- Commitment (toward them)

 We must properly value lost souls, *Mt. 16:26*

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"Past Feeling"!

When we become "Past Feeling" to sin & error we will certainly lose our souls! Jno. 17:14-19

Eph. 4:22-24