

## **Chapter 16: “With This in Mind” (or “Let this mind be in you such as was IN CHRIST...”**

We as believers IN CHRIST have so many things to keep in mind. In the research and writing of this One Commentary on Ephesians, ran across one book or sermon with “at all odds”, and when searching online found all kind of at odds from golf to international affairs and so on and on, but nothing about Bible. After Baylor got in trouble for loose morals and rape on campus, they were forced a lot like GD had to do for ethics when they were caught kenneling dogs at government expense and selling little Allen wrenches for hundreds of dollars (just two of the many, many National Dens of Thieves currently in America), so Baylor revamped their mission statement and promoted to Vice President of Mission, Dr. Davis. Among other elaborate, somewhat philosophical programs or minimal real missions, they are seeking “Wisdom in Education”, primary because the Lilly Foundation gave them a big chunk on money to be like the Lutheran Christ Church in Indiana. It is sort of like taking a verse and going everywhere preaching, except in these cases it is not Scripture but rather some form of mysticism and Gnosticism. Let’s get out of that trap by getting back to the verse by verse exegesis of Ephesians. And the point we left off was chapter 2 so up next is Chapter 3 of Ephesians. Our original outline in 1984 for One Commentary on Ephesians has this exegetical outline for Ephesians 3—

### VI. Ephesians chapter 3: "WITH THIS IN MIND".

1. An Attitude of Worship.
2. The Special Prayer.
3. Benediction

“With this in mind” was the way Ephesians 3:1 in the original NEV, now hard to find, but is more commonly in most versions “For this reason...” In other word the subjects of chapter 1 and 2 need to keep in mind to proceed with Chapter 3, well that makes sense...1,2,3. However what we are really thinking about here is like Dr. Lee would say as our Pastor at Bellevue, “cast your mental tents” on this portion of Bible, and what made him head and shoulders above all SBC leaders now is that you knew on any given Bible subject, he was going to exhaust all the Bible had to say and in the pulpit say it from memory and almost no notes like the famous Payday Some Day sermon you have heard. Perhaps this is where SunGrist learned the ALL SCRIPTURE METHOD AND MOVEMENT instead of like the cherry picking that Kym heard in Passion Church sermons.

### **16-1: What Do we Keep in Mind from Ephesians 1 and 2, a review and summary.**

#### **IV. Ephesians chapter 1: IN CHRIST.**

- 1. Count your Blessings.**
- 2. Outlines of Ephesians 1 {for Bible teachers}.**
- 3. A Prayer for All Christians.**

#### **V. Ephesians chapter 2: BEFORE AND AFTER {BIC and AIC}.**

- 1. The Contrasts of time, memory, and Christ.**

## 2. "With all the rest", Inclusive Again.

## 3. More about the Contrasts.

## 4. Living Doctrines in Ephesians 2.

"IN CHRIST" we decided hopefully is a much better description than Christian as Christian is only mentioned 3 times in the NT—like church it has lost almost all meaning today-- Paul and the rest of the Bible prefer in Christ. In Christ we have purpose in line with Almighty LORD God, our heavenly Father, in Christ we have hope in this life and the next, in Christ we have passed from being dead in the trespasses and sins to a new life in Christ. Five times you find IN CHRIST in Ephesians 1: (1) To be the faithful in Christ, the saints, of 1:1, and by the way saint, brother, and sister are not outdated in the Bible on church, neither should be so absent today; (2) in Christ, [1:3] God has blessed us, blessed us with all spiritual blessings, and they are logged in heaven where the Gnostics, mystics, heretics, and liberals cannot get to them; (3) in the fulness of time during the life and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Father integrated all things in heaven and on earth, together in Christ [1:10]; (4) Paul first mentions how he and others of first century Christianity first "trusted" in Christ, even as you and others trusted in Christ, after and only after, you heard the word of truth, truth which is the Gospel of your salvation (see Paul in Ephesians does use the word salvation even though in the 7 ONEs of major bonds and doctrines, the One Baptism describes the one salvation, and furthermore after your original ONE faith you received the promised seal of God the Holy Spirit [1:12,13] and about Whom we must speak and teach more often.

**NOTE: A habit to evaluate preachers and teachers of sound doctrine, since God the Holy Spirit from the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension to today has the primary responsibility to convict and convince the world, and specifically on sin, righteousness, and judgment, is to search, preferable in a digital form of their bestselling books those 3 words. For general information Joel Osteen flunks completely, Louie does well on sin, much less on righteousness in fact only once in Goliath, and Dr. Christian Smith of Soul-searching fame flunks on all except some derogatory remarks about sin. The favorite two authors of young graduates of theology from Baylor, like David Bentley Hart, The Experience of God: Being, Consciousness, Bliss and Alan Jacobs, How to Think; and so also will be the Vice President of mission statements, Darin Davis when his book comes out on wisdom in education, and yes an evaluation of the philosophy, theology, and any Bible from the Lily foundation that sponsors this new mission of Baylor program. However, based on this up to date revision of Ephesians and the major doctrines of the 7 Ones, the seven key words will be used on all these philosophers, educators, and theologians of: faith, Spirit, Lord, Father, baptism, hope, body, Spirit**

**And listen, a foretaste for more in One Commentary, dare we no consider that only 7 limit our Bible reading, study, and preaching and teaching; for consistent with the All Scripture Approach and Method of SunGrist, sometimes making a complete outline of the Bible, you could put every verse, chapter, and book of the 66 under those 7 topics.**

## 16-2: Church (ecclesia).

(5) in the Ephesians of IN CHRIST is 1:11 where Paul expresses the privilege with other Apostles of presenting the great MYSTERY from God, a mystery never known except for the Revelation from God the Holy Spirit and from God the Father, how that the manifold wisdom of God might be made known

through the church. If not mentioned previously, this is not a local church. It is the total body of Christ written in heaven. Of the 128 times ecclesia is found in the NT, about 108 are for local churches like the church at Ephesus, at Rome, at Corinth, at Jerusalem and so on. What is either ignored by some today or taken advantage of for control and profit is the One body of Christ of all Christian believer in Christ. Later in Ephesians 4 will come more about the church including the only 5 five official leaders that the Ascended Christ has called and appointed, Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, and we must discuss the current dilemma that the church finds itself in today where there are many of money and status that have brought either churches or a TV program and called themselves to some other official church, how will we describe it, like Joel, Jakes, Giglio and Moore, as the Money Makers or something similar. No one person should own a church; in fact, cannot if it is part of the One Body of Christ.

Now which of the five aforementioned IN CHRIST passages would you consider to be the most important. It is sort of asking which of the titles for Ephesians do you consider most important, The Glory of God in the Christian Calling by Carver or the Ultimate Integration in Christ of One Commentary on Ephesians. Even as there are many good outlines of Ephesians, even so not able to surround the total truth, so there are many good titles and emphasis, many of which have been utilized for this study, with a preference always for B. H. Carroll in An Interpretation of the English Bible. Well, look back at the five and which would you chose. At this given time with a gist of Ultimate Integration in Christ, SunGrist finds it necessary to select Ephesians 1:10, because what larger integration by God of the total universe in Christ is possible.

**“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him...” (Ephesians 1:10)**

**NOTE: Please do not let this verse sucker you into Scofieldism with this one time with the life and death of Christ dispensation. You will find that you cannot find once the 3 main words and theological and philosophical concepts of rapture, dispensationalism, and millennium even once in the Bible. It seems easy for the hotbed of Scofield and Chalmers of Dallas Theology Seminary to lead the way for Passion and fundamental ecumenicalism as they transition from the Gnostic like theology of Scofield that adds to and takes away from the Bible out of their wants or dreams. Later perhaps, can be traced some of the paganism and Gnosticism in Bible studies today of Dr. Peter Jones, through Scofield, DTS, and Passion.**

**16-3. What do we keep in mind from Ephesians 2?**

**V. Ephesians chapter 2: BEFORE AND AFTER {BIC and AIC}.**

- 1. The Contrasts of time, memory, and Christ.**
- 2. "With all the rest", Inclusive Again.**
- 3. More about the Contrasts.**
- 4. Living Doctrines in Ephesians 2.**

To repeat, Ephesians two is a condensed history of the Christian life. It is summarized in a triad of BEFORE's and AFTER's. The chapter outlines itself, consistent with the promise of the "preliminaries" that a uniqueness of this ONE commentary would be to

allow Paul to exegetically speak for himself and the way this Apostle of Jesus was moved by the Holy Spirit. There are three paragraphs in the New English Version, and each one is a contrast of what it was like before 'the Christians at Ephesus were Christians; and then what it is like now that they are Christians. Each paragraph rapidly makes the transition between the past and the present-- the "before Christ" and the "after Christ."

So thorough and so well organized is Ephesians 2--indeed the whole book of Ephesians -- that you can almost appreciate Mitton's conclusion in his commentary that another author other than Paul wrote Ephesians, and that he had in his possession all the previous letters of Paul to study.

### **1: SunGrist simply builds on the natural outline of the chapters:**

1. The TIME Contrast. (Ephesians 2:1-7)

**"TIME WAS when you were dead in your sins and wickedness.... But God, rich in mercy, for the great love he bore us, <sup>5</sup> brought us to life with Christ even when we were dead in our sins; it is by his grace you are saved. <sup>6</sup> And in union with Christ Jesus he raised us up and enthroned us with him in the heavenly realms, <sup>7</sup> so that he might display in the ages to come how immense are the resources of his grace, and how great his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."** (NEB)

2. The MEMORY Contrast. (Ephesians 2:11-16)

**Thus, you are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow-citizens with God's people, members of God's household. <sup>20</sup> You are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the foundation-stone. [Or: built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the keystone.] <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building [Or: every structure.] is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you too are being built with all the rest into a spiritual dwelling for God."**

The past or before of the Christian life is identified in each of the triads. In the TIME contrast, the past is "Time was when you were dead in your sins and wickedness... "; in the MEMORY contrast, it is "Remember then your former condition... "; and the past in the CHRIST contrast is "So he came and proclaimed the good news... "

There is a lot of bleakness or darkness in God's analysis of what it is like "before a Christian," but the chapter builds up to a climax of "in Christ" like a light shining in darkness, like the welcome relief of an oasis after trudging through the filth and garbage of death, wickedness, and rebellion before in Christ then comes the good news of how Christ came and proclaimed the gospel. Thus, Before and After Christ is the climax and theme of the second chapter.

In the KJV: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience...."

The past, before being a Christian, is a story of ugliness, doom, and defeat, it describes the condition of man outside of Christ. Then when we have reached rock bottom with

disillusionment of how bad humanity is, the encouraging ray of hope penetrates the darkness--"But God... " The difference between defeat and victory, the difference between loosing and winning, the difference between despair and hope is found in the active intervention by God. **"But God, who is rich in mercy hath quickened us together with Christ.... (2:4,5 KJV)**

Apart from Christ, what is man like? Ephesians 2:1-3, just before the intervention of God, describes that condition, the awful state of humanity apart from God and Christ is described, it is not pleasant to read, it is definitely not nattering, and it goes counter to which of the world's philosophy that see man as inherently good but it is the analysis of God Himself, the Creator of man. A God who created man without sin, but Who gave man freedom of choice, If God made a mistake, and He didn't, it would be in giving man freedom of choice, Adam and Eve sinned, and sin entered the blood stream of the human races so that all men everywhere are by nature and by choice sinners. This is a necessary part of God's psychology. We begin without a beginning if we do not face up to this initial analysis.

**"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."**  
**(Ephesians 2:1-3)**

And nowhere else in the Bible except in the book of Romans will you find such a thorough description of the person who is not a Christian, He is

1. Dead in sins and wickedness.
2. Following the evil ways of this present age.
3. Obedient to Satan.
4. Living in sensuality.
5. Obeying personal instincts and notions.
6. Under the dreadful judgment of God.

Six itemized facts of what it is like not to be in Christ, six discouraging aspects of how God Himself describes the person not a Christian.

DEAD IN SINS AND WICKEDNESS, the person without Christ is dead.

FOLLOWING THE EVIL WAYS OF THIS PRESENT AGE. King James says, "course of this world;" and Stott contrasts this age of evil and darkness with the age to come of Jesus and points out how this world is a society "organized. without reference to God," or secular.

Before you were a Christian, you OBEYED THE COMMANDER OF THE SPIRITUAL POWERS OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT NOW AT WORK AMONG GOD'S REBEL SUBJECTS.

LIVING A LIFE IN SENSUALITY. Perhaps the King James is more descriptive here "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of the flesh" (2:3) Similar to the loving "not the world" of I John with lusts of the flesh and eyes.

Later we must show how the Gospel of Prosperity and Success is the Gospel of Love of the world, and how Baylor that flunked Morality 101 now wants to lead the world and the church into a Gnosticism and paganism of substitution, a matter of world wisdom substitution for the wisdom of God. (Philosophy and Theology, if you would.) Dr. Christian Smith provided some leadership for them of setting aside Bible, what he called biblicism, so Soul Searching can lead us with theology. Recently Baylor in 2017 held as part of their Moral reformation a Conference on "Wisdom in Education". In the many papers delivered do you even once find Bible mentioned, no the institution is too educated and sophisticated for that; now contrast what President B.H. Carroll would have don at the Conference. He would have preached from Ephesians or Colossians, or both on the wisdom of the world versus the wisdom of God in the Bible, and of course, got around to the verse against Gnosticism and paganism from Colossians 1:6-9:

**"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 1:6-9)**

OBEYING THE PROMPTINGS OF OUR OWN INSTINCTS AND NOTIONS.

Lastly, UNDER THE DREADFUL JUDGEMENT OF GOD. If all the other six descriptions of a person outside of Christ, in the before state, do not sound so bad, this one should. To be under the dreadful judgment of God is obviously a state in which we do not want to exist? It is not a matter of waiting for judgement in eternity. It is already. "... but be that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18 KJV)

Then we come to the more pleasant part, the after condition. From the past to the present, and what God has done to deliver humanity from the death of trespasses and sins. "But God, rich in mercy, for the great love he bore us, brought us to life with Christ even when we were dead in our sins it is by his grace you are saved." (Eph. 2:4,5 NEV)

Here is God's original design when He first created man, "to devote ourselves to the good deeds. It is a more pleasant roll call with the emphasis on God rather than what man has done wrong. God is rich in mercy; God bore us a great love; God brought us to life with Christ: it is by God's grace that we are saved; God raised us up from the dead; in union with Christ God enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms where God plans to show in the future the resources of His grace; God intends to show us the extent of His kindness in Jesus it is by God's grace that you are saved, it is not because of something that you have done it is a gift of God; and it is not a rewarding compensation not a single person has the right to boast as he considers the difference

between the past and the present. Christians are the handiwork of God's created in Christ Jesus and created for the good deeds for which God designed us.

### 3. Third of the Triad.

Thus, we come to the third of the BIC and AIC triad. This one dwells even less on the past: dwells more on the presents and goes beyond into the future. Only half a sentence is devoted to the past, "**So he came and proclaimed the good news: peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were nearby ...**" (Eph, 2:7 NEV) It is the beginning of the third paragraph and the third of the triad in Ephesians 2, And even the past part is good news. The good news about the good news that Christ preached. He proclaimed peace--peace to those that were far off and peace to those that are near, Then Paul switches to the presents "**...for through him we both alike have access to the Father in the one Spirit. Thus, you are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow-citizens with God's people, members of God's household. You are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus Himself is the foundation stone. In him the whole building is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you too are being built with all the rest into a spiritual dwelling for God.**" (Eph. 2:7-22 NEV)

Quickly Paul passes into the central theme of Ephesians, unity and ultimate integration. Loaded words that are directed toward an all-inclusive attitude--"fellow-citizens with God's people", leaving the impression of a country or community made up of God's people: "members of God's household", connotating a large family: "foundation of the apostles and prophets", which in Ephesians 4 will be presented as gifts from God to grow the church, and fifth Christ Himself as the foundation-stones and a whole vast building that grows, lively stones of Christians, forming a huge dwelling for God. Never. Never does he want them to forget that each Christian is just one member of God's household, just one citizen in God's country, and just one living atone in the temple of God. It prefaces the discussion of Ephesians 4 about growing a church and sparing no effort to make fast with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives, introducing the building that "is bonded together and grows".

Peace comes with integration, unity, and oneness, peace is a large word in Ephesians 2. Christ is our peace. Christ proclaimed peace to those that were far off and peace to those that are nearby. Our foundation-stone preached peace, the apostles and prophets preached peace, and directly to the extent that we are bonded together and growing, we will preach and promote peace.

And "in the one Spirit", (Eph. 2:9 NEV) Later, also in Ephesians 4, there will be more about the unity of ONE Spirit and One Father.

#### **With all the Rest**

**"In Him you too are being built with all thereat into a spiritual dwelling for God." (Eph. 2:22 NEV)** In him Church of Christ you too are being built with all the rest. In him Roman Catholics you too are being built with all the rest. You too Mormons with all the rest. And you too, fundamentalists; or any local church body or larger group of Christians that either claim to be the only Christians or propagate that attitude.

Like the necessary discipline in a family, like the necessary constraints of citizenship, like the structural defects in a building, it is often as now, the function of others in the Christian movement to exercise correction in the family, legality in citizenry, and removal of defects in the building. Believers incorporate in Christ must unite to oppose the teaching, preaching, and proselyting of heresies that tend to tear apart the body of Christ and that preach any other gospel, even if they be an angel, than that delivered by Christ and Paul. Half-truth and lies are dangerous to the whole body when taught in the name of Christianity such as salvation by baptism, revelation in Bibles other than the 66 books we have come to accept as the Word of God, continuing revelations known only by an exclusive few, and especially the stance--completely contrary to the Bible and in particular Ephesians--of being the only church body.

#### **4. Another Contrast?**

Believers incorporate in Christ are saved by His grace, enthroned in heavenly realms with Christ where the full resources of His grace will be shown to us later, the extent of His kindness, we have peace of God which is Christ, rules and regulations are wiped out, we have access to God the Father through the one Spirit, we are no longer aliens in a foreign land but fellow-citizens with all God's people, members of God's household and a spiritual dwelling for God. BIC, they are separate from Christ, strangers to the community of Israel, outside God's covenant and promises, without hope, and without God.

**16-4: In the ONE original outline for chapter 2, the last 2 will be saved for the concluding chapter even as The Final Check with Colossians and Gnosticism will be included in that last chapter.**

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By way of looking ahead to the end chapter, we now have formulated in the new version of One Commentary on Ephesians, a new outline for the last chapter.

Final check on Ephesians with Colossians and Gnosticism (this last, we want none of)

1. More about the Contrasts of Ephesians 3.
2. Living Doctrines in Ephesians 2, the seven ones of Ephesians and the major doctrines we are to teach and preach, also a key to getting all the Bible in the All Scripture approach and movements instead of the cherry picking of Passion. Also, a comparison with MTD, paganism, and some other isms that ought to be wasms.

3. Final Check on our exegesis with Colossians and the No-Nos of Gnosticism.

**16-5: With This in Mind we get into the Great Mystery Revealed in Ephesians 3.**

**“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel...” (Ephesians 3:1-6)**

**NOTE: When the original of One Commentary on Ephesians in 1984 was Desktop Published for free distribution, it was not completely and publicly apparent that Christianity, including the largest Protestant Denomination, sad to have to say, was in the great Apostasy called the falling away.**

**Such knowledge and conviction have changed much, our emphasis on church growth, on the ecumenical, and so many other things to be discussed about in Gnosticism and Paganism in Bible education. For one big thing this “same body” movement has been distorted in a vague but determined Global mission to unite all Christians and the whole world apart from Bible, especially Ephesians.**

**The One Mind Unity of Baylor Baptists**

With the selection of the current President of Baylor and the launching of a vast new wisdom in education program, Baylor Baptists are showing what all along they have been developing in their warfare with SWBTS and with Texas Baptist, a new unity other than by the Holy Spirit, a unity of organization rather than the Spirit. It has been attempted to labor the truth of Ephesians that the unity sought there is an inherent unity provided in three primary ways by God the Holy Spirit: (1) by the bonds of peace of the seven Ones of teachings or doctrines; (2) by the unity of His presence and control in the church body; and (3) by the real Essence of love IN CHRIST; and (4) an ultimate integration that is IN CHRIST, not wisdom and education.

With good PR skills, Baylor now strives to express a unity with Baptist and Texas consistent with the purpose under which it was chartered as a Baptist Religious Institution in the state of Texas; however the downward trend and National Dens of Thieves began about 1966 with behaviorism of organizational unity rather than the cognitive of the 7 ONES with then President Runnels who filed a new charter at Austin to gain independence from Texas Baptist. Now Baylor with a Bible conviction less President and seemingly so much conviction less faculty, wants to lead Texas Baptists and the world into a different unity than that of the Spirit into a unity based on their wisdom and behavioral organizational skills, sort of like those kinds of skills the new President learned in championship basketball and the unity she found with the LDS controlled Pepperdine University for years as a honored faculty member, proving a

new Baptist unity that you can get along with anybody, even with the devil if you try hard enough.

Of course, in the rewrite of One Commentary on Ephesians in Algeria, it was realized that the unity provided in Ephesians is not like the many Ecumenical movements of a unity of getting together in organizations, even in one local church it was a false unity to minimize convictions on the seven mandatory ONES for simply an organizational unity; rather it is PROMOTING AN INHERENT UNITY, a unity of both the new birth of each member of the Holy Spirit, and of continuing in the seven bonds of peace from God the Holy Spirit. Past the necessity of the new birth, there is no unity and can build not unity apart from essential doctrines of: one faith, one baptism, one hope of Christian calling, one body IN CHRIST, and of course the Trinity of one God the Father who is over all, the one Lord Jesus Christ, and the one God the Holy Spirit, which you might say is our real source of inherent unity. Even as Baylor now strives to simulate Baptist beliefs, there is a similar substitute for the spirit of the Holy Spirit in a spirit of flinging far the green and gold. It is colorful and imaginative as it takes in a spirit in behavioral sports as well as the Bible department and Truett seminary, and the Psychologists and humanists that created Runnels during his doctorate in the escape techniques of rats, during the period as a Colonel training monkeys as he in turn worked hard to fling the green and gold method of unity into some Baptist churches and organizations. (Perhaps if we could trace the psychology of the Psychology department at Baylor, and their history, we could see more of this sort of undercover source of a false and proposed unity for Baptists, Texas, and the world. There is little doubt that it has gripped many of the vocal Baptists as it is recalled how in 1966 one of Baylor's best, head of the BSU and star athlete and friend told of the stunt by President Runnels, then when Dr. Lee was mentioned stated he represented one of their big obstacles.)

Yes, we are dealing with some of the smartness individuals in the world in the staff and faculty of Baylor, many world renowned and beyond our wisdom skills (not beyond the wisdom skills of the Holy Spirit), but it might help to get beyond them by looking at a paper presented by a member of the department of Psychology at the 2017 Wisdom in Education Conference, and as it is done so keep in your mind the warning of Dr. Peter Jones, the expert on paganism and Gnosticism, how Bible education is also heading in that direction of paganism and Gnosticism, so perhaps a look at some of the philosophy and theology of President Stills of the Truett Seminary.

### **WITH THIS IN MIND Ephesians 3 (the original of '84)**

"With this in mind ...", it is time to pray, Like Dr. B. H. Carroll writes in AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE, Ephesians "is a letter of great prayers."

Further, "There are two prayers in this letter that beat the world on prayer. One of them staggers credulity itself." All of chapter three is a prayer; it is the second great prayer of the book, and the one which Carroll says staggers credulity itself. Paul is overflowing as he comes to Ephesians three with the spiritual blessings in heavenly places of being in Christ and the glories of the after condition as compared to the before--all in his mind and in the mind of the reader. "This whole passage baffles the grammarians," Carver says. "His sentences are not composed, they are spun in a continuous thread, an endless chain of prepositional, participial, and relative adjuncts." And in spite of Mitton's choice of a post-Pauline writer that was writing a comprehensive summary of all Paul's teachings, Carver talks about how it "seems throughout to be (Paul's) extemporaneous writing."

**"With this in mind I make my prayer, I, Paul, who in the cause of you Gentiles am now the prisoner of Christ Jesus--for surely you have heard how God has assigned the gift of his grace to me for your benefit." (Ephesians 3:1,2 NEV)**

**16-6: The chief theme of the prayer is for comprehension of the four dimensions of love: breadth, length, height, and depth. (We talked about that earlier in the Essence of Ephesians.)**

This comprehension as the Holy Spirit looks ahead to the time of Revelation would certainly prevent a leaving of the "first loves" but the four-dimension baffle, even those that do not sympathize with Adam's statement about communicating in the language of mathematical physics are forced to turn to the math of physics for the most plausible explanation of four dimensions. Three dimensions are easy, the fourth is more difficult. Mathematicians automatically think of the x, y, and z axis of the Cartesian co-ordinate system or those in technical work think of the azimuth, range, and elevation dimensions of radar.

You can picture the love of Christ as being like the cross where it reaches down to the fallen, then out to our neighbors, and then up to God. Yet in this case and the one from mathematical physics above, where do you get the fourth dimension? The answer is easy! The fourth dimension or parameter, just like in physics, is time! In fact, movement in any of the three dimensions of x, y, or z with respect to time is called velocity. Velocity is a vector that has both direction and speed. Carroll says that the book of Ephesians is also a book of great loves and so the four dimensions of love should be called the love vector, with direction and constant speed.

**NOTE: Where the falling away really started in the SBC was with the warfare of Scofield fundamentalists with what they called moderations and led by Criswell who told Moyer on TV that "we will keep fighting until one side or the other wins", announced for other feuding fundamentalist a war of a lack of constant or continuous love. The string was broken. (Of course, this fight to save and restore to**

**control the Scofield mites was then hidden with the coverup of a fight for literal truth, now it continues to be covered up with a falsely called conservative resurgence. It is doubtful is this can publicly or in reality every be reversed with public confession and repentance from the remaining Scofield mites of the revolution in the SBC.**

As Simpson writes in his commentary: "Has love then a length, and breadth and depth and height? In predicating such properties are we not materializing spiritual values?" Yes, grant that analogical language of this kind is liable to misconstructions yet that imaginative mind sounds like Carver's statement about who does not resort to it when profoundly moved? In cold blood men exact logical precision from a speaker (this in mind), but when the who being is stirred figures of speech crowd on the electrified faculties and commend themselves to his sympathetic hearer." And that "imaginative mind" strikes a respondent chord. That is what Paul is after--with this in mind or with this in the imaginative mind of greater vision. (It is hoped and prayed that these comments by Carver of the imaginative mind has not been carried out of bounds and advanced beyond the IN CHRIST, the doctrine of Christ of Hebrews, to A WISDOM of Baylor for the world and churches. In Baylor's new mission for the world program, they will choose about 10 churches, some Baptist, some other Protestant, and some Catholic, to promote in their brand of wisdom. The kind of minimized convictions of the new President, or Stiles, of the Psychology department and Humanities, and of the Passion of Louie Giglio.

16-7: "Faith and Ethics" out of Baylor ignores the realities of the Falling Away, and once gain promotes under theology more than under Bible in spite of giving a lot of lip service to Jesus and the Bible.

One of the heroes of the "Faith and Ethics", on Baylor's agenda according to their Institute for Faith and Learning, is Leslie Newbiggin, and he believed:

*"Fourth, Christians must pledge allegiance to Christ but affirm the right of others to hold and express different beliefs. Newbiggin was committed to public pluralism; a healthy Christian society should maximize the possibilities for face-to-face public-square conversation. Christians shouldn't suppress or exclude those who dissent, but publicly reason with others to persuade them that the Christian vision of the good life causes all members of society to flourish."*

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So great and deceptive is this pledge allegiance to Christ, and somewhat commendable but sound like a state society concept of the pledge of allegiance doctrinal realities; however, it is THE BUT that gets Baylor, "but affirm the right of others to hold and

express different beliefs". You cannot find that BUT statement in Ephesians nor in the Bible, and certainly not in these times of fulfillment of II Timothy 4:3,4:

**'For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.'** (KJV)

Can Baylor, the church, and the Christian word with this concept of mission, a new way if you would to pledge allegiance to Christ, other than from the Jesus of the Passion Conference preach and practice the RIGHT of others to such wrongs in this age of the falling away in churches and Christianity of the falling away: a tolerance for lack of sound doctrine, a tolerance for the overcoming of lusts including the pride of life, a tolerance for the great heaping up now of teachers of itching ears, and a tolerance for the many congregations that made it so, congregations also of itching ears; yes and does Baylor tolerate the different beliefs of those that have committed themselves to the turning away from truth, to those that have been turned into fables.

By protecting and preach the right of all these extreme and intolerant beliefs in unsound doctrine, even when out of the other side of the mouth there are some sounds of sound doctrine, they are suckered into and become enablers of all these heresies of II Timothy 4:3,4. We have seen this for years and even more now with Baylor graduates who have gone to the extreme of paganism in support of homosexuality. That is sort of like striving to save the lost but being suckered into a definite singing by non-truth. It makes some of the very strange bedfellows we are seeing now with Giglio on the Baylor board of Regents, the uncalled evangelists of Giglio's Passion Conference, and with Dallas Theological Seminary, the hotbed of an early mysticism as Scofield followers, a mysticism that adds to and takes away from the Bible.

**"And indeed, have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; and to still others, show mercy tempered with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh."** (Jude 22,23 Berean Bible)

Might it be offered that this Baylor approach, an approach of worldly success and the Gospel of Prosperity and Success which is a Gospel of World Love, has replaced the proper Biblical contending for the faith of Jude, for having mercy for those who doubt by getting into the doubt and fire with them, by snatching them by getting inside the fire, by a mercy without the temperance of fear, and be getting stained, spotted, and singed by the world.

In closing, the intolerance of the other Gentile life style of unbelieving culture of Ephesians remains intact as does the proper way to learn Christ.

1. The Singeing of the World culture.

**“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” (Ephesians 4:17-19 NJKV)**

Paul condemned in Ephesians the life style of other Gentiles, and demanded that they Properly Learn Christ, not the Jesus of the Passion Conference or of the Jesus Seminar, or the broad minded and tolerant to extremes Jesus of Baylor. Baylor has not with anything new become a new proponent of the extreme out of bounds toleration of the current American Democratic Faith with a little Baptist and Texas flavor, and of course a little heritage of green and gold. (not so much from Truett and Carroll) Giglio, typical of Baylor preachers must preach a better balance of the Who IS Jesus than only a friend of sinners, He is also the Jesus that demanded a degree of separation from the world.

## 2. The Proper Learning of Jesus.

**“But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:20-24)**

Baylor cannot more learn Christ properly by walking alongside the other Gentiles of the world; cannot hear Jesus and be taught by Jesus while involved in the futility of the mind of the world, nor by getting so close with theology and theology with their darkened understanding; cannot put off their former conduct while not IN CHRIST, the BIC, by joining with those alienated from the life of God; cannot be properly renewed in the spirit of the mind by filling their minds in education with ignorance, blindness of the heart, lewdness, uncleanness, and greediness (the Gospel of Prosperity and Success).