**Class #19** 



## Heaven on Earth

## **Ephesians 4:31-5:2**

Q: What kind of behaviors have you "put away" because you are a Christian?

Q: Why did you put them away?

## Eph. 4:31-5:2

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be **put away from you**, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. <sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (ESV)

Q: What is bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander and all malice? (vs. 31)

Q: What thread runs through all these forms of "corrupting talk" (Eph. 4:29)?

Q: Why must these all be "put away" from us? (vs. 31)

• Eph. 4:22-24.

Q: What is kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness? (vs. 32)

Q: How has God in Christ been kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to us? (vs. 32).

• Ps. 103:12; Dan. 9:9; Is. 1:18, 43:25; Mic. 7:18-19; Jer. 31:34; Heb. 10:17; John 1:12; Matt. 5:9; Eph. 5:1

Q: How did Jesus walk in love? (Eph. 5:2)

• John 5:30, 6:38, 8:28, 12:49, 12:50, 14:10; Phil. 2:3-8

Q: How can you learn to walk in love like Jesus? (Rom. 12:1-2)

Q: How does this renewed mind make you kind, tenderhearted and forgiving? (Luke 17:3-10)

## What About You?

Q: Is there anyone you can't forgive or be kind to?

Q: What keeps you from being kind, tenderhearted and forgiving?

Q: What do your answers to these two questions reveal about your worship of God?