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my literal translation of verse 19

So, my brothers beloved, now let each person be eager to hear, be not eager to speak, be not eager toward wrath

Observations on verse 19

Here are commands to be obeyed based on our being God's loved ones, who have been made to be a perfect gift for God the Father, from God the Son.

God the Son, paid the penalty of death for our sins on the cross, and God has crucified us with Christ, buried us with Christ, and raised us with Him to be now, new in kind, that is, we now are His kind of Spirit controlled people.

We are each His new creation, and God has freed us from the absolute rule of our old kind of humanity, and He gave us His Holy Spirit to dwell in us, to render off-line our sin nature, and to reveal the things of Christ to us.

What a great liberty that is, from being dominated by our old kind of humanity, to being free to willingly be dominated by God's Spirit. Moment by moment, walking under His direction, as instruments of God's good, to show Himself to us and those round us, so that we all, may be drawn to trust and love Him.

Because we are new in kind, destined to be a perfect gift for God the Father, from God the Son, all of that is in the previous verses. In these verses today, we are first reminded of our relationship of being ones loved by God, and then we are given three commands, which obeyed, become our expression of love, back toward Him.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

God's reminder here is personal, it includes us with James, the humanly half brother of Jesus. We are each unqualified to be loved, but as a group, we are each one, the unique, loved by God ones.

And the expression of His love is to give us a way to express His love to us, through us being ready to hear, not ready to speak, and not ready toward wrath.

Jesus did not just listen to God The Father, He submitted to the Father, doing what the Father wanted Him to do. In effect, Jesus is the perfect man, still doing the perfect work of God, but now, He is doing this work of God, through you and me as His new in kind spirit led and loved ones.

So first, we express His kind of love by letting His life of Love be expressed through us, by hearing under submission, God's will from the Bible. It is God the Holy Spirit Who has given us the Scripture. He is the author, we should be hear with submission what He has revealed to us in the Scriptures. All of them reveal God's will and character.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

Do we hear Him speak to us with submission to what He says, as He wants to have us do? This done as He wants is the one response He honors, with the revelation of more of His infinite love in His word.

To trust Him as our source of all that is reality, is the first command here, and Him giving us the ability to trust Him is a perfect gift.

We are to hear God's will, by not just reading or listening to God in these pages, we are to submit to Him by letting Him express His love through us, by letting Him use us to accomplish His will.

Second, we express His kind of love by letting His life of love be expressed through us, by speaking correctly but in love. Being ones who consider the listeners present, and their good being the aim of all information we speak.

It is not the presentation of truth that is emphasized here, it is the correct way of reality being presented, that is the emphasis here.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

Preparation is a part of this, so He first has mentioned, we need to trust the reality He has revealed to us about Himself. Based on what He has revealed, we may correctly reveal what can be received by our listeners, that is, what will benefit the listeners who are ready to hear in submission, God's reality.

Indeed, knowing God is of first priority here, but equally, knowing Him, we come to know ourselves through His eyes and mind, so we can trust Him to help us come to know our listeners, through His eyes and mind, which are alive now inside us.

He lives in us, He really does! Trust Him to reveal not only His will through us, but also to reveal His will for those around us who are observing Him in us.

God has chosen to tell us His ways of showing His perfect love, we are to hear in submission, and speak in submission as He chooses.

Sometimes with a lot, sometimes with a little, but always with the right amount and always in the love that benefits the submissive hearers.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

Third, we express His kind of love by letting His life of love be expressed through us, by considering Who is the One Who is able to correctly administer wrath and when it should be expressed.

Again, God has told us we are His instruments of expression of His love, and He is the One Who knows us and those around us. This is a part of what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us in the first two commands here, His love is given to us correctly to allow us to love Him back in the same correct way.

So, He tells us by command to not take His responsibility upon ourselves, not to allow human anger or wrath, by thought or act, be done by us. God tells us much more about this in the next verse. But here, He is telling us to allow Him, in His time and in His way to deal with wrath.

Now, there may be in our personal experience, times when we are correctly angered by lies, slanders, false teaching, or anything contrary to what God's Word has revealed to us is real and beneficial.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

And there may be times we are hurt, even by other loved by God ones, which can cause us to retaliate in kind, out of our sinful human nature from Adam.

It is here expressed by God ,that we are to not allow the old man we have from Adam be in control. Instead, we are to allow God the Holy Spirit be in control, and He will through our new man reveal Christ as He chooses.

As His new, of His kind of perfect man, we are to submissively hear this command and not take His responsibility to be ours.

Further, we are to let Him reveal His love though us, by allowing Him to reveal His wrath in His time and in His way.

And this was exemplified by Jesus in all His earthly time, He is revealed to have only expressed His wrath in ways beneficial to those around him, both leaders and followers, by speaking and doing things that would benefit the submissive observers and listeners.



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Observations on verse 19 (continued)

He, doing God's will for the time, gave them the opportunity to hear and see His wrath toward error and toward those who wanted others to copy them in doing sinful things.

This was the correct expression of His love for them at that time.

Even though they did not benefit from His correct expression of His great love for them, He continued unto death to provide a way for them and us, to be not just corrected, but saved from the consequences of our sins, and given the privilege of being born from above into His family, as His children.

So, now we come to verse 20.



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my literal translation of verse 20

For [by] wrath from man, rightness from God is not being produced

and in Greek mind, the source of God's correctness is not out of man's incorrectness... so this text could be rendered in English

Right from God is not being produced out of wrong from man

Observations on verse 20

There are at least 5 perspectives of "God's good" taught here.

1 Man's wrath does not produce God's good.

2 God produces His good only out of His own goodness.

3 The way God shows us His goodness, is by His providing us the ability to correctly believe in Him and what He has done for us.

4 Christians can have wrong wrath as well as non-Christians.

5 Christians can have correct wrath only when God is its source, emphasis here is "when". God will determine the "when", not us, as His children.

And now to verse 21...



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my literal translation of verse 21

therefore, you all having taken off every filthiness and remaining evil of depravity, in humility, you all receive the implanted word, the power to save the souls of you all.

Observations on verse 21

²¹ Διὸ [conj διό] **therefore**, for this reason or purpose, so, so also // Friberg: inferential conjunction

ἀποθέμενοι [part aor mid nom mp ἀποτίθημι] is apo+tithaemee literally **you all having taken off**.

As a middle voice, aorist tense, plural participle, this describes the purpose of God's gifts of goodness, that His goal is that we be free, for our benefit.

And we are now free ones, ie, not bound to continually sin, because we have already taken off all things that are offensive to Him.

What is the part of us that is now taken off? The old man we inherited from Adam. This old man remains but no longer reigns. God has taken him off the position of master of us, and put instead, on that position of Master of us, His Son, Jesus Christ. He is our Lord now.

We participated in this transaction, only by the non-meritorious work of obedience of faith, by trusting His work on the cross for us. Our trust is now in Him and His work for us, no longer in ourselves, or our culture or family.



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Observations on verse 21 (continued)

We are now free to submit and trust in His work in us, both transforming, and conforming us as His children, in His family, with the character of Christ.

Both in birth, and in life in His family, our faith is NOT a work that saves, His work is what saves us. It is His work that saved us from the consequences of being naturally born sinners, AND, it is His work that gives us deliverance from our old slave master we inherited from Adam.

How good this is for us, and for God! It reveals that when we submit in trust in God's loving rule over us, we personally benefit, and this is His loving will for us, so He rejoices with us as we harmonize now with Him.

Note that this is NOT an imperative to do, it is a participial describing factually what has been done by each of us. And this happened when He birthed us again from above into His, new in kind family.

Only He could have done this, giving us the new nature like Himself in character.

How this opens up Heaven for us, revealing the Grace, God is sharing with us.



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πᾶσαν [adj acc fs πᾶς] each, **every** //singular, so each one

ῥυπαρίαν [n acc fs ῥυπαρία] **filthiness**, vulgarity, immorality, impurity

// Carries in meaning the idea of dirty, unclean, immoral and harmful to man.

καὶ [conj καί] **and**, even, also

περισσεῖαν [n acc fs περισσεία] **remaining evil** // Carries in meaning the idea of the overflow, the abundance of evil that remains in us, that not only sins, but has pleasure in leading others to sin with us.

κακίας, [n gen fs κακία] evil, **of depravity**, hatefulness, disharmony //this is subjective genitive telling us the source of our sin and depravity.

Our old man, of Adam's kind, is the source of this remaining sin and evil. As Adam's birthed ones, we only sin, 1 John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us"

In contrast, the new man, of Christ's kind, which we now are, is not the source of any sin. Christ is without sin, and we now share His purity, and cannot be the source of sin.

1 Jn 5:18 says "no one who is born of God sins". This is reality.



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Observations on verse 21 (continued)

There is an infinity of difference, between our old man and our new man. Both, coexist in us, by God's design, to teach us His ways of love.

We have been given this good gift from God. We have the privilege, to be alive as His children, and to present our body to Him, NOT as old men, crucified with Him, but as new men, risen and seated with Him. We are alive with His life.

What a privilege this is, to be in His family now. To let Him express His love to and through us, even in the presence of our still living, but no longer our slave master, old man from Adam. Now we are free to experience Christ's life being lived out through us.

It is God's Spirit, now dwelling inside us, Who is telling us these things in these verses. He alone controls our old man's character of sin, and He alone reveals our new man's character of purity.

We have become partakers of Christ's character. We are living letters of His love, we are the fragrance of His love, we are His orchestra, playing His music.

We now radiate His glory and in the process He draws us, and all near us, to Himself.



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έν [prep έν] **in**, by, for //here locative, in the sphere of, in the realm of
πραΰτητι [n dat fs πραΰτης] gentleness, **humility**(properly), courtesy //expressions of correct submissiveness, in God's loving, beneficial way

Humility is the proper, as designed by God, attitude of our new essence toward all things that are real, and toward all things that are not real.

Because this originates from our new man's character, which is of the quality of God, this is God's humility.

We now are able, as God's children, to receive blessings properly, without pride, but with thankfulness, and in the harmony of His joy.

The way Jesus received and shared from God the Father's will, we now are to receive and share from God, Who is our Father now, the implanted word.



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δέξασθε [v imperative aor mid dep 2pp δέχομαι] **you all receive** or accept

We are commanded to receive in a factual way all the reality of God and his ways, that He has implanted in us, as His loved and blessed by Him children.

τὸν ἔμφυτον [d art+adj acc ms ἔμφυτος] **the specific implanted** // This is not every word we have coming at us in life. This is only the specifically implanted by God, words of reality.

This is important to realize, that God puts these absolute true things, about Himself and His ways, literally into our minds, for us to believe what is real.

And part of His word, is His view of us for correction, for refining out the errors we may have believed that were implanted by our thinking, or by our culture, or by our human family.

λόγον, [n acc ms λόγος] **word**, illumination, communication//

Accusative case gives us, by grammar, that this is the object implanted.

No definite article here, so the emphasis is on the character of the word.

The kind, or quality of the word implanted, is illumination of pure reality.



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Observations on verse 21 (continued)

He gives us insight into Himself and His ways, that are reality, that are not imaginary.

What He wants us to see is pure and right, not what is wanted by us, or imagined by us, but what is reality. Only God can do this!

In fact, there is so much to be given by Him, He can only give us a little bit, and then He purifies what we take as real, to leave in us, only what is real.

There is an important principle here. We live now in time, and we live now with a sin nature as well as His nature in us. We live surrounded by the chaotic world system, our culture, our family. So God is very patient, and gives us a little at a time, to expand, or multiply His grace, in our understanding.

He is conforming and transforming our thinking, and our expressions of Himself, to be His thinking, and His expressions of Himself. And this takes time, lots of time.

But in eternity with Him, no longer tested in the conditions we are in right now, we will come to know Him fully, in eternal awe, as He shows us every facet of Himself.



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τὸν δυνάμενον [def art+part pres mid/pass dep acc ms δύναμαι]

the specific **power**, the ability // followed here by an infinitive to express what is the goal, the focus of God's power, here it is the deliverance of our souls.

How careful is God's Spirit here, to tell us that the implanted word is the power of God to deliver, to save our very souls that are so in need of saving.

This is the same focus of His power, that God used when He raised Jesus from death to life.

This is only possible by Him having the kind of power that extends beyond the environment we inhabit on earth, that extends to every part of His creation, and even beyond all His creation, into His timeless environment, into which, we will one day soon, be taken to dwell with Him, as He continues to reveal Himself in all His Glory.

The emphasis here is on both the source, His implanted word, and the quality of power of His implanted word.

We need the implanted word of God's power to be unleashed in us and through us.



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σωσαι [v infinitive aor act σώζω] **to save**, to deliver

Note there is no conditional foundation but honestly, correctly, wisely hearing with ears that can now hear, with respect and loving gratitude, God's messages of love and correcting guidance, as it is now always needed.

So, what salvation is in view here? The context is deliverance from the remaining sins we commit after believing. This is the purification of our set of beliefs we had when we were slaves to our Adamic nature.

Our souls relate to the world system, our family ties, and self focused thinking. We now are given deliverance, by the spiritual life fellowship, given to us when we were made alive to God, and now abide in an intimate relationship with Him.

But the soul we have, has learned to behave, in the ways of our thinking, our culture, and even our family, to just survive, or to prosper, or to be praised.

These old learned ways are opposite to God's word, that is revealing all human good to be evil, along with the obvious evil we can detect.



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Observations on verse 21 (continued)

His light, His essence of purity, His absolute Rightness is shared with us when we were born again from above into His family as new in kind people.

The word of God is the power of God that God uses to purify us from the pollution of these remaining, conscious standards of trust, that we think are real because we inherited them in our culture and family.

How does God do this? By revealing Christ to us, and His ways with us as members now of His family. What a joy to know Him, and to be in His family.

Now we are uniquely loved, and able to love one another, in harmony with Him, because we share His nature as His newly created ones.

Our focus is now on our Lord, our Savior, and what He loves, we love, what He hates, we hate. We have a new kind, His kind, of thinking, acting, and enjoyment.

We enjoy being His harmonious instruments, in His orchestra, that He uses to reveal through the music He produces, His glory!



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τὰς ψυχὰς [d art+n acc fp ψυχή] **the souls**, the part of us that is aware and has relation with others of the same kind. We call this our society, our socialness with others like us.

Now, as members of His body of believing humans, we have a society of a new sameness, because God has birthed us into His family. That's really big for us and generous of Him.

Note also, definite articles are here. It is specific that it is God's power and it is specific that it is our souls.

How thorough this is, encompassing both God's power and our souls, placed into His family positionally, and delivered by His power experientially.

ὑμῶν. [pro pers gen p σύ] **of you all**, your // objective genitive, His power is focused toward us personally, intimately.

Out of the power of His word implanted in us by His Spirit, we are personally blessed to be purified by Him, and we are personally blessed to live in the harmony of His joy.



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Two overview thoughts here.

1. This factual taking off the remaining evil we have from Adam, and submitting under His implanted in us revelation of Himself, is exactly in parallel with Ephesians 4:22-24 and Colossians 3:9-10.

The teaching from Christ is; that now He is our life, that we have taken off the old man, that we are being renewed by the Spirit in our minds, and that we have put on the new man. Oh, the depth of the riches of His Love toward us.

God has spoken to us, about His ways with us, through both James and Paul.

Notice how different these men are, one growing to manhood in unbelief that Jesus his half brother is indeed God, the promised One. The other, growing to manhood under the finest teaching of Jewish traditions, hating Jesus enough to condemn His followers to death.

But God has used them both to share with us that His ways with them and with us, are absolutely the same methods.

2. In these three verses we saw God's perspective about hearing God's word, and receiving God's Word, the next four verses tell us about being obedient to God's word.



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And now a closing thought.

With this portion of God's implanted word that He has given us today to consider...

What is our attitude in this warfare of God?

Are we outside the armory, struggling and pleading for supplies?

Or are we confidently in harmony with God, fully armed and singing His songs, eagerly listening to Him, as He reveals His perfection, both to us and through us?

May this be the thought we may all share from these verses...

Out of the power of His word implanted in us by His Spirit, we are personally blessed to be purified by Him, and we are personally blessed to live in the harmony of His joy.



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^{*19} This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

¹⁹ Ὡστε, [conj ὥστε] intro to clause, **so** then, therefore,
ἀδελφοί [n voc mp ἀδελφός] **brothers** - μου [pn pers gen s ἐγώ] of me, mine, **my**
ἀγαπητοί, [adj voc mp ἀγαπητός] **beloved**, very much loved, unique ones loved
ἔστω [v imperative pres act 3ps εἶμί] he(each) be (command **let be**)
δὲ (BGT) [conj δέ] but, **now**, then, (only in Alexandrian texts)
πᾶς [adj indef nom masc s πᾶς] **each**, every one, sing form vs pl above
ἄνθρωπος [n nom ms ἄνθρωπος] man, **person**, (each unique one loved by God)
ταχύς [adj nom ms ταχύς] quickly, prompt, ready, **eager**
εἰς [prep εἰς] into, toward, in order to, in view of, unto, so that, **to**, until
τὸ [def art acc ns ὁ] **the** (with def art = the particular or specific)
ἀκοῦσαι, [v inf aor act ἀκούω] **to hear**, to listen
βραδύς [adj nom ms βραδύς] slow, dull, not ready, **not eager**
εἰς [prep εἰς] into, toward, in order to, in view of, unto, so that, **to**, until
τὸ [def art acc ns ὁ] **the** (w def art = the specific one)
λαλήσαι, [v inf aor act λαλέω] **to speak**, to sound
βραδύς [adj nom ms βραδύς] slow, dull, not ready, **not eager**
εἰς [prep εἰς] into, **toward**, in order to, in view of, unto, so that, to, until
ὀργήν· [n acc fs ὀργή] anger, **wrath**

**** My literal translation**

so my brothers beloved, now let each person be eager to hear, be not eager to speak, be not eager toward wrath



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*²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

²⁰ ὀργή [n acc f s ὀργή] anger, **wrath**

γὰρ [conj γάρ] **for**, because

ἀνδρὸς [n gen ms ἀνὴρ] from person, **from man**, from human

here as subjective genitive, ie "wrong" out from, humanity is the source

δικαιοσύνην [n acc fs δικαιοσύνη] **righteousness**, correctness

absolute good, right, correct, no article so focus is on the character of God

θεοῦ [n gen ms θεός] from deity, **from God**

here as subjective genitive, ie "right" out from, God is the source

Note: no def articles... Grk focus is on character, not particular or specific

οὐ [adv οὐ] no, **not**

κατεργάζεται. [v ind pres mid/pass dep 3ps κατεργάζομαι] **is**

Bringing about, **being produced**, being created, being achieved

work is combination of kata+ergadzomai standardized work, here for good

this verb clarifies the genitive as subjective here, God is "right" source

****my literal translation (in close to Greek text order)**

for [by] wrath from man, rightness from God is not being produced



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*21 Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

21 Διὸ [conj διό] **therefore**, for this reason or purpose, so, so also // inferential
ἀποθέμενοι [part aor mid nom mp ἀποτίθημι] literally **you all having taken off**.
πᾶσαν [adj acc fs πᾶς] each, **every** //singular, so each one
ῥυπαρίαν [n acc fs ῥυπαρία] **filthiness**, vulgarity, immorality, impurity
καὶ [conj καί] **and**, even, also
περισσεῖαν [n acc fs περισσεῖα] **remaining evil** // abundance of evil that remains in us
κακίας, [n gen fs κακία] evil, **of depravity**, hatefulness, disharmony
//this is subjective genitive, our old man, of Adam's kind, is the source
ἐν [prep ἐν] **in**, by, for //here locative, in the sphere of, in the realm of
πραΰτητι [n dat fs πραΰτης] gentleness, **humility**(properly), courtesy
δέξασθε [v imperative aor mid dep 2pp δέχομαι] **you all receive** or accept
τὸν ἔμφυτον [d art+adj acc ms ἔμφυτος] **the specific implanted**
λόγον, [n acc ms λόγος] **word**, illumination, communication
τὸν δυνάμενον [d art+part pres mid/pass dep acc ms δύναμαι] **the power**, the ability
σῶσαι [v inf aor act σῶζω] **to save**, to deliver
τὰς ψυχὰς [d art+n acc fem p ψυχή] **the souls**
ὑμῶν. [pro pers gen p σύ] **of you all**, your // objective genitive

****my literal translation (in close to Greek text order)**

therefore, you all having taken off every filthiness and remaining evil of depravity, in humility, you all receive the implanted word, the power to save the souls of you all.



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***19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger;**

20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

**** 19 so my brothers beloved, now let each person be eager to hear, be not eager to speak, be not eager toward wrath**

20 for [*by*] wrath from man, rightness from God is not being produced

21 therefore, you all having taken off every filthiness and remaining evil of depravity, in humility, you all receive the implanted word, the power to save the souls of you all.

***** 19 You know, my brethren, beloved ones,. Now, let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow with respect to anger,**

20 for a man's wrath does not bring about that which is righteous in God's sight.

21 Wherefore, having put away every moral uncleanness and vulgarity and wickedness which is abounding, in meekness receive the implanted Word which is able to save your souls.

* Scripture is from NASU 1995, ** My literal translation

*** Wuest's expanded translation