

# WORD HANGOUT

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## About Word HangOut

Word hangout is designed to establish the believer in Christ in the realities of the new creation upon redemption. This unique experience is delivered in an engaging environment that fosters knowledge, understanding and impartation.

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## Part 1 STUDY

If you have your Bibles there, you might want to turn with me quickly to 2 Timothy 2 and 15.

It says:

2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version (KJV)

" Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Apostle Paul says something very salient here  
Something we must pay close attention to, He instructs to STUDY God's Word in order to show yourself approved unto God.  
Reading in context, we realize that the approval here is not in reference to salvation but in reference to teaching.

When you check the word "study," you'll get more than just the word "study."

The word actually connotes diligence!

Diligence in the study of God's Word.

We must be diligent in doing so for only by doing so can we be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

So, we see that there is a skill that accompanies diligence in Bible study.  
You are able to navigate through the Scriptures and do so WELL.

Thank You.

## PART 2

### WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT US

Let's get started :

Ephesians 1

Verse 1:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

VERSE 2:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul opens up with his usual prologue.

Greeting the saints at Ephesus

Then he says

VERSE 3 :

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Now notice something very interesting here

The blessings Paul is talking about, he clearly qualifies.

These blessings are spiritual and in heavenly places.

That is, these blessings are what you will see available in the spirit of the new creation and in the unseen realm.

They are strictly spiritual.

Now the word "blessed" as used in Ephesians 1 verse 3 is "eulogistos" in the Greek. It is the root of the English terms "eulogy" and "eulogise". From our study of literature we can readily guess what this word means. Right?

"An eulogy in English Literature is a praise poem"

"A poem to speak well of"

The word means "to speak well of" It has to do with spoken words.

EPHESIANS 1 VERSE 3 would make more sense when read with this understanding

"Well spoken of be the God and father of our lord Jesus Christ who has spoken well of us with every spiritual good speaking in the heavenly places in Christ"

In Christ, God has spoken word of us!

[The blessings of God to us in Christ are those good things which he has spoken about us in Him.

PHILEMON 6 captures this beautifully

"6 that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment OF EVERY GOOD THING which is IN YOU in CHRIST JESUS."

We have things resident within and Paul calls them good things!

So we see that God has spoken good things about us in Christ. Now what exactly did He say?

EPHESIANS 1 VERSE 4

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"

Now some have tried to use this to say that the believer must be holy and without blame before God in love but that is far from what Paul is saying here.

The grammatical construction is the issue

Let's read it this way.

EPHESIANS 1 VERSE 4

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world \*in love\*, that we should be holy and without blame before Him."

"In love" is used to qualify the action of the Father and not an expectation from the believer.

His "choosing" was done in Christ and in love!

So in Christ, one of the good things that God has said about us is that we are holy and without blame!

Notice, this is completely independent of us. It is work!

Thank you.

## PART 3

### HOLINESS -(A BROAD TOPIC)

let's examine the word "HOLY"

Because it has been so misunderstood in the church today  
Holiness has been reduced to lifestyle, dressing , hairstyle etc.

This is so wrong!

The issue is that we are trying to use our contemporary understanding  
of the word "HOLINESS" to explain the Bible.

Which shouldn't be

It should be the other way around

"Humility is subjecting your thoughts and opinions to the thoughts and  
opinions of the word"

The word alone remains the basis for truth

So to understand holiness we must go back to the original language in  
which the Bible was written and see how they understood it back then.

The word translated as "holy" in the Greek texts of the Bible is the word  
"HAGIOS"

It simply means "a setting apart"

Let's see how it's used:

Luke 2:23 (NKJV)

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the  
womb shall be called HOLY to the Lord"),

Every male child that opens the womb is called holy, that is, set apart  
unto the Lord

Now question, what did this baby do to be called holy?

Was he praying in his mother's womb?

Or reading a Bible?

Obviously not!

He is holy because he was pronounced set apart at birth

That is, of all children from this womb, you are set apart (separated)  
onto the service of the Lord.

It's that simple

Notice his conduct does not come to play in this pronouncement.  
It is independent of him  
Great!

Now, let see some Old Testament examples as well  
Note that "HOLY" is "QUADOSH" in the Hebrew  
It means same as "HAGIOS"  
    "A setting apart  
    A separation"

See how it is used:  
EXODUS 3:5

"Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is HOLY GROUND."  
The ground is referred to as "HOLY"  
Does the ground have any works which would qualify the title "HOLY"?  
No!  
It's no longer like every other ground  
It's now set apart

#### ANOTHER EXAMPLE

The High Priest's garments are also referred to as "HOLY"

#### LEVITICUS 16:4 (NKJV)

"He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are HOLY GARMENTS. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on".

Same word.

Meaning set apart

That is, of all the garments present amongst the people of Israel, this is set apart from the rest to be used for the service of the Lord

Notice something salient in all our examples so far  
The "HOLINESS" is the work of the sanctifier  
Not the sanctified  
The sanctified is passive and not active



The sanctified is passive and not active

The action is being done upon him.

So in Christ, one of the things God has pronounced on us is that we are set apart.

This is not gotten by our efforts neither it is maintained by the same.

Now, how did this happen?

The Bible tells us about two kinds of men.

The first Adam and the last Adam

"ADAM" in the Hebrew means "HUMANITY"

This is very instructive

When God looks on the earth today, He only sees two kinds of men.

Those in the first Adam and those in the last Adam.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (NKJV)

45 "And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being."  
The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man."

Individuals found in CHRIST either bears the characteristics of same.

The first is a living being

The other is a life giving Spirit

The first natural

The other spiritual

The first of dust

The other Heavenly

They both form a PATTERN of how their humanity would look like.  
Men by identification with the first Adam become EXACTLY like him.  
Please note that this identification is not instant but by following Adam's pattern of unbelief as well.  
Then there is the last Adam, the Man Jesus! Hallelujah!  
He represents a NEW RACE! These ones are EXACTLY like him as well!

Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

" For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

God, in Christ, predestined us to be conformed to His very image!

This predestination was done where???

In Christ!

Predestination means that any man who finds himself in Christ becomes irreversibly like Him!

This is not a process

This is our story in Redemption!

We are EXACTLY like Him!

1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

" Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He IS, so are we in this world. "

"IS" is "EIMI" in the Greek.

It means to exist

As Jesus exists, so do we!

This means that whatever is spiritually accurate of the Christ, by virtue of identification with Him is spiritually accurate about you as well!

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)

"But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

This means that we can tell the Spirit of the New Man from that of Christ.



They have the same spiritual makeup!

In fact, if we took an X-ray of Jesus' Spirit and ours and put them side by side, we wouldn't be able to tell the difference!

If we can tell the difference, then it isn't identification!

Identification is ONE Spirit

And this REALLY confuses Bible translators of the Greek texts of the Bible because the same word used for God's Spirit is the same used for the believer's.

It's the word "PNEUMA"

The writers of the New Testament do not use different words

[It seems to imply that they don't see the TWO as SEPARATE.

ONE SPIRIT! ONE SPIRIT!! ONE SPIRIT!!!

Hallelujah!

Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

" For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Notice what Paul says here

Very salient

He calls Jesus the "firstborn" among many brethren.

The word "firstborn" here is "PROTOTOKOS" in the Greek.

It means "a PROTOTYPE"

That is, this is how the OTHERS WILL LOOK LIKE

So, Jesus came as the example of how the New Man would function in the Earth.

Whatever we see happen to Him is the reality of the New Man in Him.  
He is our Pattern.

He came to show us how we will be by believing in Him.

Just like Adam, He will be a Pattern for His humanity

Now, follow closely..  
JOHN 14:1-2 (NKJV)

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.  
2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Jesus says something very salient here.

Something we must pay very close attention to  
He talks about mansions in His Father's house.

Now, the logical question would be: "Can there be MANSIONS in A HOUSE?"

Obviously, this cannot be literal..A HOUSE CANNOT HAVE MANSIONS IN IT

It's figurative

The word "MANSION" as used here is "MONÉ" in the Greek.  
It actually refers to "a POSITION, a PERMANENT PLACE"

He is implying something deeper

So, in the Father's house, there are POSITIONS.

Not a physical building as some who claim to have gone to Heaven have claimed to have seen.

Now, notice something VERY important here

When Jesus is talking, only He occupies this position

THE VERSE 3 OF JOHN 14 SAYS:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that WHERE I AM, there you may be also. "

NOTE:

WHERE I AM

So Jesus would go and prepare a permanent position for us in the Father's house and that place would be where He is.

To understand what He is saying here, just read the post texts

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. "

So this dwelling place is actually the indwelling of the Father in man.

This is the "MANSION"

We will be where Jesus is

Jesus' "GOING" would refer to His work.

He went, died, was buried and resurrected for man.

Now, he didn't just escape after He resurrected

No! He fulfilled His promise!

He came back to indwell man by the Spirit!

He came and became one with us

An ETERNAL FUSION of IDENTITY

This means that one Spirit would bear SAME qualities and identities

The New Man is birthed by the fusion of God's Spirit and man's Spirit.

This infusion in Christ is irreversible.

So immediately a man receives the life of God which is His Spirit, He becomes just like Him!

Hence, "TOGETHER" is used to qualify the believer and Christ

It's joint identity!

What Jesus did has translated us from Adam's humanity into His humanity!

Everything He is, we are now!

NOW, IS JESUS HOLY?

OH YES!

THEN SO ARE WE!

Hence Hebrews 10:10 tells us

(NKJV)

"By that will we have been SANCTIFIED through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

We have been sanctified (MADE HOLY) once for all!  
His work BROUGHT this!

His perfect offering has translated from the authority of darkness into  
His Kingdom!

WE ARE NOW WHERE HE IS.

Under Jesus' humanity, you are holy by DEFAULT. It comes with the  
PACKAGE!



## PART 4

### CONCLUSION... WHO WE ARE ☺

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (NKJV)

"14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has RIGHTEOUSNESS with lawlessness? And what communion has LIGHT with darkness?

15 And what accord has CHRIST with Belial? Or what part has a BELIEVER with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has the TEMPLE OF GOD with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them  
And walk among them.  
I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people."

The Corinthian Church are the most carnal Church in the New Testament.

Carnal not in state but in conduct.

Yet Paul addresses them thus:

See what he calls these believers still conducting their lives according to the flesh.

He calls them RIGHTEOUSNESS

He calls them LIGHT

See also what He calls them, He calls them CHRIST!

The believer is called CHRIST!

Did you see that?

He is called CHRIST!

The temple of the living God!

I mean, these are fleshly reasoning believers

Fornication is rampant in their midst

Misuse of the Spirit's gifts

Schism

Yet, Paul calls them, not by what they've done, but by WHO THEY ARE.

Now that they have not repented yet at this point.

Yet he, by the Spirit of Truth, shows us that the New Testament way of correcting the believer is by affirming and reaffirming His identity to him! This is New Testament correction.

HALLELUJAH!!!

GOD BLESS YOU

KINDLY SAY THIS:

I am not what I do,

I am who God has made me! 😊