

## **SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:20 – 4:32**

### **SERMON: Breathe Life!**

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#### **INTRODUCTION: MURDEROUS SPEECH** (Mt.5:21,22; Jms.3:9)

#### **I. DEATH: WE SUCK LIFE OUT OF PEOPLE** (Prov.12:18a; 15:4b; Mt.5:21,22; Jms.3:9)

- A. BAD BREATH: THE BREATH OF DEATH** (Gen.2:7; Job 19:17; Ps.57:4; 64:3; Eph.4:29a; Col.3:8)
- B. CONDEMNATION & COMPLAINT** (Eph.4:29a; Jms.4:11; 5:9)
- C. TRUTH WITHOUT LOVE** (Eph.4:15,29; 6:4)
- D. FLATTERY & OTHER FALSEHOODS** (Eph.4:25; see 1Th.2:5; Jd.1:16)

#### **II. JESUS: DEATH & RESURRECTION** (Eph.4:22-24; 25f; see Rom.6:3f; Col.2:12)

- A. OUR BAD BREATH CRUCIFIED** (Col.3:9; 5f,8(Eph.4:29,31); see Mk.9:43f)
- B. HIS GOOD BREATH RAISED** (Col.3:10,12f; see Mt.12:34,35)

#### **III. LIFE: WE BREATHE LIFE INTO PEOPLE** (Prov.12:18b; 15:4a; Rom.12:14; 1Pt.3:7-9; Acts 4:36)

- A. FRAGRANT BREATH: THE BREATH OF LIFE** (Song 7:8; Gen.2:7; Ezk.37:4f; Jn.20:22 w/Gal.5:22f; Eph.4:29b; 2Cor.13:10; 1Th.5:11)
- B. COMMENDATION & COMPLIMENT** (1Cor.1:1-9, etc. letters)
- C. TRUTH IN LOVE: TEXT IN CONTEXT** (Eph.4:15; Mt.18:15f; see 1Cor.11:2f,17f (etc. Paul); Rev.2:1f&4f; 12f&14f; 18f&20f; 3:1f&4f)
- D. CORRECTION & OTHER KINDNESSES** (Ps.141:5; Prov.27:6; Jms.5:20; Eph.4:15; see Mt.7:1f)

#### **IV. BREATHE LIFE!**

- A. TAKE A WHIFF!** (see 2Cor.13:5; Lk.6:41f)
- B. ASK JESUS TO BREATHE LIFE INTO YOU!** (Gen.2:7; Ezk.37:4; Jn.20:22; Acts 2:42; see Eph.2:5f; 4:22f,30; Col.3:9&10; 3f&12f)
- C. SALT YOUR BAD BREATH OF DEATH WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST!** (Eph.4:29a; see Col.3:5,8; 4:6; Mk.9:50,43f; Eph.4:29a)
- D. BREATHE LIFE INTO ONE ANOTHER IN THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!** (Eph.4:29b; see Col.3:12 & Mt.12:34,35; 2Cor.13:10)
- E. SERVE A BIG STEAK AND GO EASY ON THE SALT!** (Eph.4:15,29; Lk.6:41f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)