

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 12 (March 22-26)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul's second missionary trip).

56 AD Paul writes the First letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	I Corinthians 3 (:1)	Spiritual ... Worldly = spirit people ... flesh people.
Tues.	I Corinthians 4 (:1)	Servants = There are a number of Greek words translated as "servant". In this case, the word means "one who does service on a ship as a rower."
Wed.	I Corinthians 5 (:5)	Sinful nature = this word uses the same Greek root (sark) previously translated as "worldly". It is simply "flesh." This is not the body, which is the Greek word "soma" – which includes bones, blood, etc.
Thurs.	I Corinthians 6 (:9)	Homosexual = There are a number of Greek words which translators have chosen to translate this way, and which we will look at as we continue reading the New Testament. One root word is "malakos", which is used four times in the New Testament (here, twice in Matthew 11:8, and Luke 7:25). The word is simply "soft / gentle / malleable." Combined with a masculine Greek ending, it means "soft men." Aristotle wrote that "... the deliberate avoidance of pain is rather a kind of softness (<i>malakia</i>); the deliberate pursuit of pleasure is profligacy in the strict sense. ... luxury is a kind of softness (<i>malakia</i>); such a man lets his cloak trail on the ground to escape the fatigue and trouble of lifting it, or feigns sickness, not seeing that to counterfeit misery. ... People too fond of amusement are thought to be profligate, but really they are soft (<i>malakos</i>); for amusement is rest ... and addiction to amusement is a form of excessive slackness." – Wikipedia " <i>malakos</i> more often referred to men who prettied themselves up to further their heterosexual exploits. ... An old hag in a play by Aristophanes drags off a young man, saying, "Come along, my little softie" (<i>malakion</i>), although she has perfectly heterosexual things in mind (Ecclesiastes 10:58)." – Pacific School of Religion.
Fri.	I Corinthians 7 (:14)	Sanctified = "has been <u>set apart</u> ". It's like wilderness areas being <u>set apart</u> as a wildlife refuge. The action is not by the wilderness area, but by the one who chooses to set it aside.

Sources: www.thebiblejourney.org; [Analytical Greek New Testament](#); [The Interlinear NIV](#); [The Englishman's Greek Concordance to the New Testament](#); www.lexilogos.com/english/greek_ancient_dictionary; [Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Vols. 1-3](#); [The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#); [Liddell-Scott-Jones Lexicon of Classical Greek – MALAKOS](#); www.google.com/search?q=malakos+in+greek; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Malakia
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