

Lesson 4 - Word Studies

It is very helpful to study the Greek words used behind the English translation. Use Strong's exhaustive concordance to look up the words by Number and see where else the word is used in Scripture. We are not looking at all the Greek words in the entire passage but instead focusing on verse 4 which gives us the key to understanding the rest of the passage.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares <3921> who were before of old ordained <4270> to this condemnation <2917>, ungodly men <765>, turning <3346> the grace <5485> of our God into lasciviousness <766>, and denying <720> the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

crept in unawares <3921>

παρεισδυνω *pareisduno*

from 1519 and 1416; ;v -- para= with, alongside, eis=into, duno – duno=to sink

AV-creep in unawares 1; 1

1) to enter secretly, slip in stealthily

2) to steal in

ordained <4270>

προγραφω *prographo* (pro=before, grapho=written)

from 4253 and 1125; v

AV-write 1, write aforetime 1, write afore 1, evidently set forth 1, before ordain 1; 5

1) to write before (of time)

1a) of old set forth or designated before hand (in the scriptures of the OT)

2) to depict or portray openly

2a) to write before the eyes of all who can read

2b) to depict, portray, paint, before the eyes

condemnation <2917>

κριμα *krima* from 2919 *krino*, to judge in a court of law; n

AV-judgment 13, damnation 7, condemnation 5, be condemned 1; 28

1) a decree, judgments

2a) condemnation of wrong, the decision (whether severe or mild) which one passes on the faults of others

2b) in a forensic sense, a matter to be judicially decided, a lawsuit, a case in court

2b1) the sentence of a judge

2b2) the punishment with which one is sentenced

2b3) condemnatory sentence, penal judgment, sentence

ungodly men <765>

765 ασεβης *asebes* from 1 (as a negative particle) derivative of 4576; sebomai = reverence; adj

AV-ungodly 8, ungodly men 1; 9

1) destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious

turning <3346>

3346 μετατιθημι *metatithemi* from 3326 = meta= after, behind, and 5087=to place a thing; v
AV-translate 2, carry over 1, remove 1, change 1, turn 1; 6

- 1) to transpose (two things, one of which is put in place of the other)
 - 1a) to transfer or to change
 - 1b) to transfer one's self or suffer one's self to be transferred
 - 1c) to fall away or desert from one person or thing to another

grace <5485>

χαρις *charis* from 5463; chairo= to rejoice and be glad; noun
AV-grace 130, favor 6, thanks 4, thank 4, thank+2192 3, pleasure 2, misc 7; 156

- 1) that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech
- 2) good will, loving-kindness, favor
- 3) a gift of grace, benefit, bounty

lasciviousness <766>

ασελγεια *aselgeia* from a compound of 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed *selges* (kind of behavior of a people in Italy called Selgoi who were reverent and just, those who overstep justice would be called un-Selgoi-like); n f
AV-lasciviousness 6, wantonness 2, filthy 1; 9

- 1) unbridled lust, excess, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence

The fundamental idea of "wastefulness and riotous excess; of lawless insolence and wanton caprice", means reckless and extravagant expenditure, chiefly for the gratification of one's sensual desires, no restraints, the doing of whatever one's caprice may suggest.

denying <720>

αρνεομαι *arneomai* from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4483= rheo, utter, pour forth ;v
AV-deny 29, refuse 2; 31

- 1) to deny with your mouth, to verbally deny someone or something
- 2) to deny, abnegate, abjure, to take back what was said
- 3) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered