

Introduction

- What is the main thrust of this morning's passage?
- What did **v1-2** call us to (**v14-21** are about working this out in our daily lives)?

i Benefitting

- Who are we to benefit?
- In **v14**, what does it mean to bless someone?
- And what does it mean to curse someone?
- How do you respond when people mistreat you?
- What does Paul say in **v17**?
- What is to be our attitude according to **v18**?
- Why are Paul's words here very realistic and helpful?
- If we are not to take revenge (**v19**), who are we to look to for justice?
- What are we to do instead of taking revenge in **v20**?
- Which words of Jesus are very much like what Paul is saying here?
- What does it mean to "**heap burning coals**" on someone's head?
- Which words speak about Jesus not retaliating?

ii Blending

- Who are we to blend together with?
- What does **v15** tell us to do?
- What are we prone to do instead when others are rejoicing?
- And what about when they are mourning?
- What does this show?
- What characteristic in **v16** will stop us having fellow-feeling for one another?
- What two tests can you apply to see whether pride has infected you?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- What will help to keep you humble?

iii Beating

- What are we to beat?
- How, **v21**, might a Christian be overcome by evil?
- What does it mean to overcome evil with good?
- Where was the ultimate victory over evil won?
- How does this help us to beat evil too?
- What should you do if you have failed to overcome evil as a Christian?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian and you feel guilty for all the evil you done?