

Ephesians 4:17-32 **Put off the Old Man – Put on the New Man**

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17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

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23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Changes Required

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✚ By the efforts of mankind it is impossible to merit Salvation, but God has provided a way for believers to be saved. [[Matthew 19:23-26](#), [Mark 10:23-27](#), [Luke 18:24-27](#)]
- ✚ Salvation is the gift of God's grace through faith, and faith is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. [[Ephesians 2:8](#)]
- ✚ We were saved to do good works. [[Ephesians 2:10](#), [Titus 2:14](#), [3:8](#), [Hebrews 10:24](#)]
- ✚ However, after we have been saved by grace, the Lord does expect us to make conscious choices out of love for His work of salvation, that is for us to change our lives in accordance to His will. [[John 14:15-24](#)]

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- ✚ The change God is looking for is the change in our nature from that of sinful flesh to spiritual purity:
 - ✧ You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.
 - ✧ They past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
 - ✧ You have not learned the carnal nature in Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him.
- ✚ The truth in Jesus calls you to:
 - ✧ Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

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- ✚ Be renewed in the spirit of your mind:
 - ✧ The required choice is: That you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in **true righteousness** and **holiness**.

Changes Required [Ephesians 4:25-32]

- ✚ The steps to consider as we seek to be renewed in the spirit of the mind toward true righteousness and holiness are these:
 - ✧ Putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
 - ✧ Be angry, and do not sin":
 - ✧ Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.
 - ✧ (Do not carry a grudge or seek vengeance).
 - ✧ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
 - ✧ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
 - ✧ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
 - ✧ (The Holy Spirit is grieved when those whom He has set apart for godliness fall into wickedness of the flesh).
 - ✧ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice (evil intent).
 - ✧ Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.