



# IN EPHESIANS

## Lesson #38

### Being Who You Are (PART 2)

(Ephesians 4:20-32)

**IMPORTANT “Therefore’s”** 11x in chapters 4-6.

- **THEREFORE THIS IS HOW YOU ARE LIVE!**
- (Ephesians 4:1) **THEREFORE** walk worthy of your calling.

**THEREFORE, Do Not Walk as the Rest of Gentiles** (Eph 4:17-19)

- (v. 17) DO NOT “**LIVE**” as the people of the world (Gentiles is ἔθνος {eth'-nos} – pagan, unbelieving nations)
- SPECIFICALLY . . .
  - ① “in the futility of their mind”
  - ② “their understanding darkened being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them”. (See Rom 1:21)
  - ③ “because of the blindness of their heart”
  - ④ (v. 19) “being past feeling” – morally hardened!

**BUT You Have Not Learned Christ** (Ephesians 4:20-24)

- “**BUT**” introduces a stark CONTRAST between a BELIEVER and an UNBELIEVER. (See 2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
- A believer has NO FELLOWSHIP with LAWLESSNESS. Believers practice RIGHTEOUSNESS. (1 John 3:1-10)
- A believer has NO COMMUNION with DARKNESS. Believers are LIGHT and walk in the LIGHT! (Ephesians 5:6-11; 1 John 1:6-7)
- A believer has NO ACCORD with Belial. Believers are IN CHRIST and worship GOD. (See 1 Corinthians 10:20-21)
- A believer has NO PART with an unbeliever. Believers have ETERNAL LIFE which is found only IN CHRIST. (1 John 5:11-13)
- (v. 21) ALL Christians have “heard Christ and have been taught by Christ.” This is the CALL of God to salvation. (John 6:45; Isaiah 2:3; 54:13)

- (v. 22) ALL Christians have PUT OFF the “old creation”. (2 Cor 5:17)
- (v. 23) ALL Christians are BEING RENEWED in SPIRIT of their mind”. (Romans 12:1-2)
- (v. 24) ALL Christians have PUT ON the “new creation” which **was** created (re-created) by God in righteousness and true holiness.

## THEREFORE

**PUT OFF and PUT ON** (Ephesians 4:25-32)

- (v. 25) PUT OFF lying; PUT ON speaking the truth.
- (v. 26-27) BE ANGRY at sin (to include your own) in the BODY.
  - ★ The verb is in the PRESENT TENSE; PASSIVE VOICE; IMPERATIVE MOOD.
  - ★ If the BODY does not deal with sin within itself it will give the devil a foothold!
  - ★ Sin is to be dealt with swiftly “before the sun goes down”! See Mark 11:25. Discipline and forgiveness go hand in hand in the Body of Christ.
- (v. 28) PUT OFF stealing; PUT ON giving/sharing.
  - ★ Work in order to GIVE!!!!
  - ☆ Christians give to meet the needs of others. (Romans 12:13; Acts 2:44-46; 2 Corinthians 9:12-15; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 1 Timothy 6:18)
- (vv. 29-30) PUT OFF evil speaking; PUT ON edifying/“grace” speech.
  - ★ Slander, evil speaking of each other, gossip grieves the Holy Spirit that can quickly turn to “quenching” the Holy Spirit. (1 Thess 5:19)
  - ★ NOTE: Paul repeats himself (see Ephesians 1:13-14) emphasizing that we were “**sealed**” **until** the Day of redemption!!
    - The verb is AORIST Tense (Past tense); Passive Voice.
- (vv. 31-32) PUT OFF
  - bitterness (*smoldering resentment*),
  - wrath (*momentary wild rage*),
  - anger (*internal smoldering deep feeling*),
  - clamor (*public outburst, screaming*), and
  - evil speaking (*slander*) and
  - malice (“badness”; *naughtiness; evil*)
- PUT ON
  - **BE** kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassion), and forgiveness.

- Tender-hearted: εὐσπλαγχνος (eusplagchnos)- sympathetic; *pitiful*.
- ★ See Psalm 103:10-13, 17. *To those who fear Him - those who take Him seriously and are in awe of Him.* (Psalm 147:11)
  - ★ See Malachi 3:16-17; Acts 13:26.
  - ★ FORGIVENESS: **“even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you”**
    - The verb here is in the AORIST TENSE – past tense.
  - (Matthew 6:12) – “Forgive us **as** we forgive others!”
  - (Matthew 6:14-15) – If we do not forgive, neither will God forgive us.
    - ★ FORGIVENESS is a BASIC attribute of a Christian because they have been forgiven SOOOOO MUCH they EASILY forgive others.
  - ☆ Matthew 18:21-35 ----
    - (vv. 21-22) How many times?
    - (vv. 23-26) 10,000 Talents- Greek *urias* - our English word *myriad* comes from this word. It represents “countless”; “limitless”.
    - (v. 27) Compassion moved the King to forgive the complete debt.
    - (vv. 28-33) We are to forgive as we have been forgiven!!
      - ☆ Colossians 3:12-13
    - (vv. 34-35) Remember that this is Christ teaching!
  - Many say that forgiveness is hard to do **but** God says this is not true. (1 John 5:3)
    - ★ See Psalm 19:10-11; 119:45, 47-48, 103-104, 127-128, 140.
    - ★ We learn from Christ – Matthew 11:28-30.

**THEREFORE . . .** (Ephesians 5:1)

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