

Ephesians 4:17-25 • Put Off, Put On and Put Away

God's eternal purpose is to reveal His glorious grace to His adopted sons and daughters that results in them valuing Christ above everything and becoming the means of unity and love within His Body, the church.

Ephesians 4:1 I **therefore**, a prisoner for the Lord, **urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling** to which you have been called...

Ephesians 4:17 **Now** this I say and testify in the Lord, that **you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do...**

Why do I need to walk in a manner worthy of my calling? Why must I no longer walk as the Gentiles do? More importantly, **how** do I walk in a manner worthy of my calling and how do I stop living like the “gentiles”?

Ephesians 4:17 **Now** this **I say...**

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the **riches of his grace,**

Ephesians 1:8 which he **lavished upon us**, in all wisdom and insight

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the **gospel of your salvation**, and **believed in him**, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,**

Ephesians 1:14 who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory.**

Ephesians 2:1 And **you were dead** in the **trespasses and sins**

Ephesians 2:2 in which you **once walked, following** the course of this **world, following** the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience—**

Ephesians 2:3 among whom **we all once lived** in the **passions of our flesh**, carrying out the **desires of the body** and **the mind**, and **were by nature** children of wrath, **like the rest of mankind.**

Ephesians 2:4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

Ephesians 4:17 **Now this I say and testify in the Lord**, that **you must no longer walk** (*to maintain a certain walk of life and conduct*) **as the Gentiles** do, in the **futility of their minds.**

ethnos - a nation, people, from the Hebrew, *nations* or *people* as distinguished from the Jews, *the heathen, Gentiles..*

Galatians 3:28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is **neither slave nor free**, there is **no male and female**, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

1Peter 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a holy **nation**, a **people for his own possession**, that **you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Ephesians 4:18 They are **darkened in their understanding**, **alienated from the life of God** because of the **ignorance** that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart.**

Ephesians 4:19 They have become **callous** and have **given themselves up** to sensuality, **greedy to practice every kind of impurity.**

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Colossians 1:21 And you (*old self*), who once were **alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil** deeds,

Colossians 1:22 he has now **reconciled in his body of flesh by his death**, in order to **present you** (*new self*) **holy and blameless and above reproach** before him,

Ephesians 4:20 But that is not the way you **learned Christ!**—

Ephesians 4:21 **assuming** that you have **heard about him** and were **taught** in him, as **the truth is in Jesus**,

John 14:6 **Jesus** said to him, “I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**

Ephesians 4:22 to **put off your old self**, which belongs to your **former manner of life** and is **corrupt** through **deceitful desires**,

Ephesians 4:23 and to be **renewed in the spirit of your minds**,

Ephesians 4:24 and to **put on the new self**, created after the **likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Colossians 3:2 **Set your minds on things that are above**, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:3 For **you have died**, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?**

Romans 6:2 By no means! **How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

Romans 6:6 We know that our **old self was crucified with him** in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, **so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.**

Romans 6:7 For one who has died has been **set free from sin.**

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God, that **you who were once slaves of sin** have become **obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

Galatians 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and **you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:17 For the **desires of the flesh** are against the Spirit, and the **desires of the Spirit** are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, **to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Galatians 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, **you are not under the law.**

Galatians 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Galatians 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

Galatians 5:21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its **passions and desires**.

Romans 8:9 **You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Romans 8:10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the **Spirit is life because of righteousness**.

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you**.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, having **put away falsehood**, let each one of you **speak the truth with his neighbor**, for **we are members one of another**.

*Today, notice if you are playing the role of the "Best," the "Golden Boy" or "Golden Girl"? **Do you really believe that your value depends on shining more brightly than others and that you must always be the most outstanding success in the group?***

*Today, notice if you are playing the role of the "Dependable One" or the "Responsible Worker." **Do you really think that investing all of your time and energy in the commitments you've made will actually bring the total security you seek?***

Speak truth, for we are members one of another.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the **great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved—

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places**, even as **he chose us** in him before the foundation of the world, that **we should be holy and blameless before him**.

In love he predestined us for **adoption to himself** as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the **Beloved**.

In Him we have **redemption through his blood**, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace,

which he **lavished upon us**, in all wisdom and insight

making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

as a plan for the fullness of time, **to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth**.

In him we have **obtained an inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be **to the praise of his glory**.

In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, who is the **guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory**.