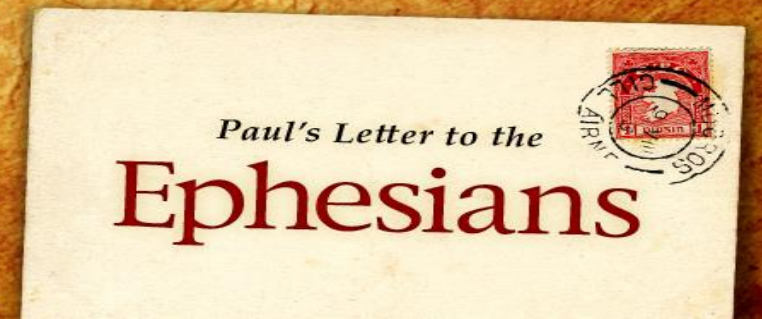


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Value of Ephesians

- Presents the purpose and plan of God for the Church
- Relation between positional truth and experiencing it in one's life – Position and Practice
- Supremacy of Christ in God's eternal plan
- Emphasizes God's sovereign grace in the lives of believers



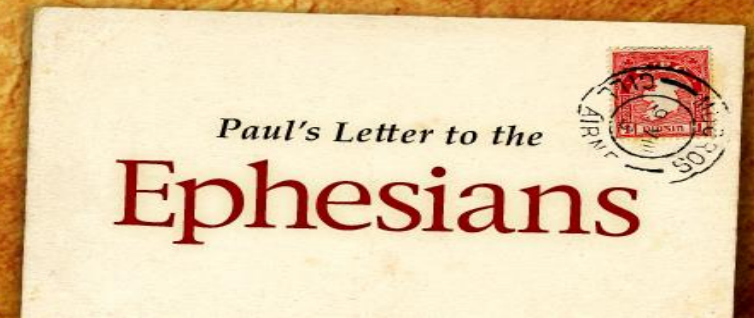
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	Our Position in Christ Section 1: What God has done for us (1) Emphasis: sovereignty Section 2: What Christ has done in us (2:1–10) Emphasis: grace Section 3: What Christ has done between us (2:11–3:21) Emphasis: reconciliation <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–3	Our Practice on Earth Section 1: Our new unity (4:1–16) Section 2: Our new walk (4:17–6:9) Section 3: Our new strength (6:10–20) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 4–6
Introduction (1:1–2)		
Emphasis	Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God	Practical: horizontal relationship with others
Core Phrase	“He chose us in Him.” (1:4)	“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling.” (4:1)
Subjects	Declarations of heavenly truths (God’s accomplishments)	Exhortations for earthly living (Christians’ assignments)
Prayers	Paul’s prayer for Ephesians (1:15–23)	Paul’s prayer for the whole church (3:14–21) Christians’ prayers for one another (6:18–20)
Theme	The holy community God is creating and how it is to live out its calling	
Key Verses	1:9–10; 4:1–3	
Christ in Ephesians	Jesus is the source of spiritual blessing, the Cornerstone of the church, and the goal of spiritual maturity (1:3; 2:20; 4:11–16).	
		Conclusion (6:21–24)



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- What it means to be in Christ
- What it means to be one with Christ
- What it means to be a part of the body of Christ, the church of which He is the head
- What it means to be master-planned into the body before the world began



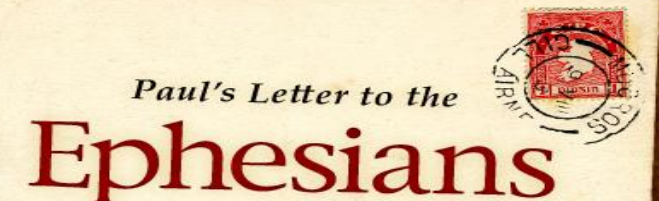
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OVERVIEW OF EPHESIANS

FOCUS	CALLING OF THE BODY		CONDUCT OF THE BODY	
REFERENCE	1	3	4	6
TOPICS	Spiritual Wealth		Spiritual Walk	
	Being: Who We Are		Doing: How We Are to Act	
	Positional Truth: Belief		Practical Truth: Behavior	
	Doctrine: No Commands		Exhortation: 35 Commands	
	Privileges of the Believer		Responsibilities of the Believer	
LOCATION	Sent from Rome to Ephesus			
TIME	A.D. 60-61			

Key Principle: Who we are in Christ should be the basis for what we do; our high and holy calling and position in the heavenly realms is the foundation and source of power for our holy conduct and practice.

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EPHESIANS 1-3

The Believer's Wealth
Our position
Being (Who We Are)
Identification with Christ
Our Calling
Being
Life in the Heavenly Places
We Are **Spiritual** Beings
Divine Sovereignty
The Foundation
Doctrine

EPHESIANS 4-6

The Believer's Walk
Our Practice
Doing (How We Live)
Imitation of Christ
Our Conduct
Becoming
Life in this Present Age
We Are **Embodied** Beings
Human Responsibility
The Superstructure
Discipline

To sum up, we are called to progressively become in our practice who we already are in our position.

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KNOWLEDGE

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UNDERSTANDING

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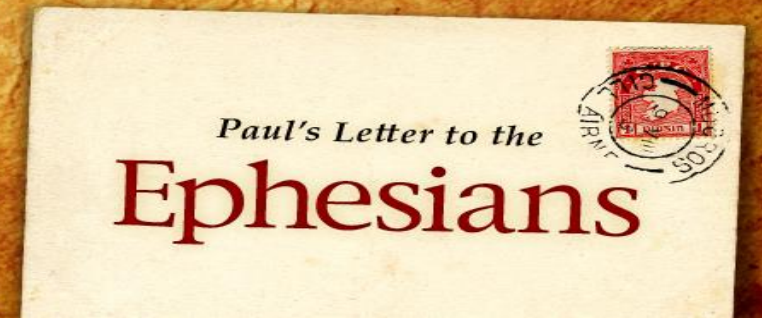
what to do next
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Worthy Walk

- Call to the Worthy Walk
- Characteristics of the Worthy Walk
- Causes of the Worthy Walk



Nature of the Worthy Walk

- Walk in Humility
- Walk of Unity
- Walk toward Maturity

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Ephesians 4:17-24 (KJV)

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.



Ephesians 4:17-24 (KJV) cont.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;



Ephesians 4:17-24 (KJV) cont.

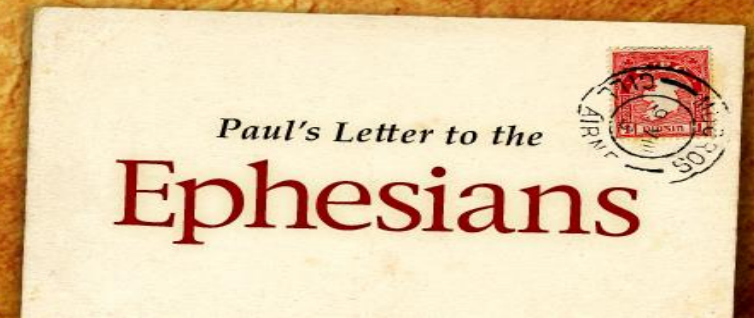
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God
is created in righteousness and true holiness.



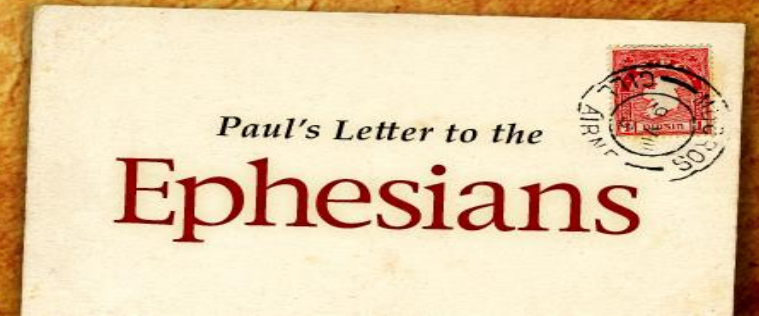
Principles from Ephesians 4:17-24

- Every Christian is in a war between his flesh and spirit. (4:17)
- The Christian epitomizes a completely unique way of life.(4:17b)
- Becoming a Christian radically changes pursuits and attitudes about life. (4:17c)
- When non-Christians turn their back to the God of light, they end in spiritual darkness. (4:18)
- Non-Christians know nothing about experiencing eternal life.(4:18b)



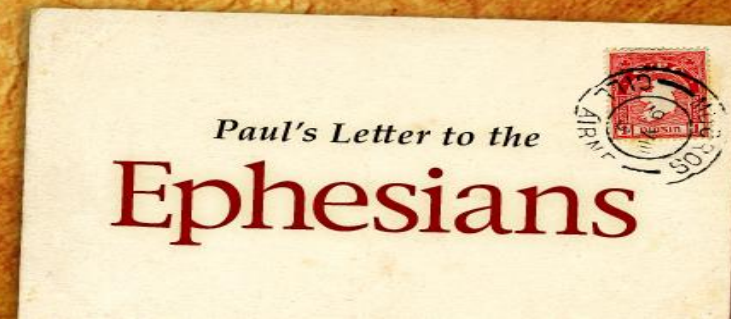
Principles from Ephesians 4:17-24

- Constant rejection of God produces a callousness toward God that makes it very difficult to respond to God.(4:18c)
- When people abandon God, sensuality overrides every other regard. (4:19)
- Non-Christians are characterized by a debauchery that has lost a sense of shame.(4:19b)
- People can reach a point of decadent behavior by greed orientation toward uncleanness.(4:19c)
- The central lesson of Christianity is to know Christ and what He did. (4:20)



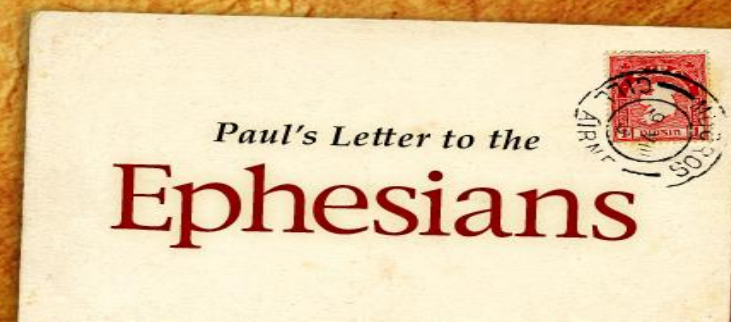
Principles from Ephesians 4:17-24

- Christianity is Person-centered.(4:21)
- Truth apart from Christ is empty.(4:21b)
- We can deal with the proclivities of the old man in the new man.(4:22)
- When we became believers, we put off the entire old man. (4:22b)
- The believer is to divest himself of the proclivities of his former life as an unbeliever. (4:22c)



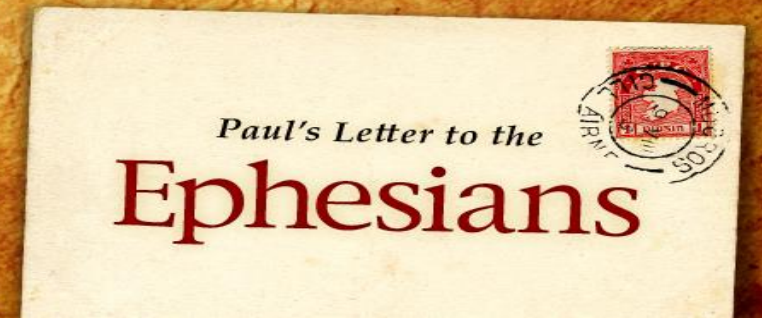
Principles from Ephesians 4:17-24

- Salvation effects a fundamental break with the past. (4:22d)
- God calls us to inward renewal through our orientation to God.(4:23)
- Our new life in Christ has new wherewithal. (4:24)
- Our new man was created by God for His own purposes.(4:24b)



Process for Spirit-Filled Living

- **Salvation:** Christ gave His life **for us**
- **Sanctification:** Christ gives His life **to us**
- **Service:** Christ lives His life **through us – as us**



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