**Digging Deeper Study**

**Reshaped Wardrobe**

**Week of March 23, 2025**

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| **Ephesians 4:17-32 NIV**  **17**So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. **18**They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **19**Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.  **20**That, however, is not the way of life you learned **21**when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. **22**You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23**to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24**and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.  **25**Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26**“In your anger do not sin”[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%204&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29299d)]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27**and do not give the devil a foothold. **28**Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.  **29**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **30**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31**Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **32**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. | “In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)  in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1)  in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)  Read the text completely, then come back and discuss the questions.  Look at these passages and determine how the Jews in Jesus’ day looked at themselves compared to Gentiles. Ephesians 2:12, Acts 10:28, Acts 11:2-3. However, what were the Jews called to be? Exodus 19:5-6, Isaiah 19:5-6, Isaiah 49:6, Genesis 12:3. What was God’s solution to this problem? John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16 Why should we not be surprised when non-Christians sin? Ephesians 2:1-3, Ezekiel 36:26-27. What should we do instead of being shocked? 2 Corinthians 5:17-20  What should we do/remember when we notice futile thinking, hardness of heart, and indulging sin in our lives? Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:1-3, Romans 8:9-11, Ezekiel 36-27, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:16, Hebrews 10:24-25  What does it mean to “learn Christ”? 1 Corinthians 6:17, Colossians 3:4, Ezekiel 36:26-27. How does this differ from merely acquiring knowledge about Jesus? 2 Peter 3:18  What practical steps can we take to embrace the fact that we have put off the old self and put on the new self? Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, 5:16, Colossians 3:4  How does understanding our new identity in Christ impact our daily lives? 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:1, Romans 6:11, 1 Corinthains 6:17, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 2:10, John 10:10  Find the approximately 13 descriptors that Paul uses to contrast the walk of a non-Christian to those who have “put on the new self”. Make sure everyone understands each descriptor. Describe the “walk” of a follower of Jesus? Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:2, 5:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 4:3  So what should we do/remember if we don’t feel like or the devil is lying to us that we’re not walking worthy? 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:7, Galatians 5:16, 2 Corinthians 12:9  If you’re not feeling you are “walking worthy” or someone tells you that they don’t feel worthy, remind yourself of 5 things…   1. Embrace your identity 2. Rely on the Holy Spirit 3. Live in love 4. Pursue unity 5. Focus on Jesus   What Bible verse would you use to back each of these up? |