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Lessons from the Churches: Ephesus

The New Humanity in Christ | Ephesians 4:17-32 9.6.26

Big Idea: When we place our trust in Christ, we become new creations, with new desires and a new destiny. **2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* This new humanity is fleshed out in Ephesians 4.

Ephesians 4:17-19 *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 blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

In Christ, God is creating a new type of humanity, one person at a time. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Ephesians 4:20-24 *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, 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.*

- **The most important** thing about you is what you believe about **GOD!**
- **The reality is** most people are not interested in learning what Christ had to teach us about GOD, life, and eternity.

PUTTING OFF AND PUTTING ON IN EPHESIANS 4:25-32 – Chuck Swindoll

VERSES	PUT OFF	PUT ON	REASON
4:25	Falsehood	Truthful Speech	Because we are members of one another
4:26-27	Sinful Rage	Controlled Indignation	Because it will take away from Satan an opportunity for temptation
4:28	Dishonest Gain	Honest Labor	Because we will have something to share with the needy
4:29	Unwholesome Speech	Edifying Speech	Because it will impart grace to those who hear
4:30-32	Hateful Attitudes and Actions	Loving Attitudes and Actions	Because we should not grieve the Holy Spirit but rather imitate Christ.

Walking GOD's path is profitable for the present life and eternity.

1 Timothy 4:8 *For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.*

Ephesians 4:25-32 *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, (loud verbal attacks) and evil speaking (slander) be put away from you, with all malice. (mean, vicious attitude) ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **God** in **Christ** forgave you.*

→ We typically go to the do and don't list when we are dealing with a challenging Christian, sadly ignoring their position and status of being in Christ.

Principles for The New Humanity Created in Christ

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| 1. Be honest with your words | v25 |
| 2. Stay current | v26-27 |
| 3. Be honest in your behavior | v28 |
| 4. Be cautious with your words | v29-31 |
| 5. Be kind, tender-hearted and forgiving | v32 |

→ The basis for forgiveness isn't that they deserve to be forgiven; it is that GOD forgave us in Christ when we didn't deserve it.

Resources for today's sermon:

War of Words by Paul Tripp

Forgiveness Study by Pastor Jerry – pick up a copy on the info rack outside the main office

→ Guests are encouraged to contact Pastor Jerry with any questions or comments: jpelfrey@gbcmason.org

9.6.26 – **Foundation #20** – Lessons from the Old Testament – 9:15am

All adults will meet in the Worship Center

9.13.26 – **Ephesians 5:1-14**

9.12.26 – **Parenting Conference @ GBC** – 8:30am-12:30pm – Sign up with QR Code.

**If you don't have children/teens at home, would you consider serving at this event so our families can enjoy the conference? See the Friday email for a link to sign up to serve.

9.25-27 – **Women's Retreat** – Our fall women's retreat is coming up soon!

We still have open spots, so sign up today in the lobby.

