

## Ephesians 4 part two

Review: Walking Out our Position in Christ (Eph 4:1)

Heart (inner life) toward One Another (church)

Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Love (Eph 4:2)

Unity in the Bond of Peace – not conformity (Eph 4:3)

recognize our Oneness in Him (Eph 4:4-6)

Primarily concerned with the way we treat other Believers

(Ga 6:10) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

familiarity (family) breeds contempt

### verses 17-24

our Walk should Differ from the World (Position, New Life 2 Cor 5:17)

futile minds, darkened understanding, no God connection, ignorance

blind/hard hearts, callous (human entropy)

sensuality, impurity, greed - false life

Earthly Pleasures (Meaning, Purpose – cover pain) vs Surpassing Pleasures (Ps 16:11)

(Je 2:13) For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

(Jn 3:19) And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

we are Motivated by Pleasure (not fear) – Choose pursuit of Surpassing Pleasures

Christ must be Learned: Hear Him, be Taught, Embrace Truth (2 Thes 2:10)

vs 22: old man always grows corrupt (human entropy)

“deceitful lusts” – promise pleasure/life, deliver bondage/death

continually turn from human entropy by Renewing Mind (Rom 12:2)

embrace new Identity (Righteousness 2 Cor 5:21, Holiness 1 Pe 1:15-16)

(Ro 6:11-12) <sup>11</sup>Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

### verses 25-32

Members of One Another – Family/Community (relational sin)

Repentance: not just turning away, but toward something else

from Lying to speaking Truth (Eph 4:15)

from Anger to Self Control, Reconciliation

Unrepentance gives Place to the devil (agreement)

to remain unrepentant, you must resist renewed mind (callous)

from Stealing (Laziness) to Labor and Generosity

from Worthless Speech to speech that Builds Up and Empowers

Grieving the Holy Spirit (context): Relationship, Communication (parental concern)

put away: Bitterness, Rage, Anger, Loud Quarrelling, Slander, Evil Intent

embrace: Kindness, Compassion, Forgiveness

Remember how much Christ Forgave you

(Heb 12:15) looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Holding onto Offence is a False Pleasure

Walking Out our Position in Christ is Primarily Relational

therefore, Relationships may be an indication of how we're doing

(Heb 12:14) Pursue peace with all people,

(Ro 12:18) If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.