

# Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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## Ephesians 4:17-32

Recap – Literary Context

### What was Chapter 1 about?

- Spiritual blessings in Christ
  - o Adoption as children through Jesus Christ (v.5)
  - o Redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins (v.7)
  - o Obtained an inheritance (v.11)
  - o Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13)
- Prayer of Paul
  - o He does not stop giving thanks (v.16) and does not stop praying for them.
    - Because of their faith in Jesus and their love for the saints (v.15)
  - o He prays for God to give them the Holy Spirit (v.17), who will
    - Open the eyes of their heart (v.18) to understand
      - the hope (v.18)
      - the riches (v.18) of his glorious inheritance
      - the greatness of his power (v.19)
        - o This same power that was in work in Christ.
          - Who is far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion.
          - Who has been...
            - given all things under his feet.
            - become the head of the church
              - o church, who is the body of Christ.

### What was Chapter 2:1-10 about?

- Spiritual condition apart from Jesus Christ (v.1-3)
  - o We are dead in our transgressions
- Spiritual condition in Jesus Christ (v.4-10)
  - o Made alive in Jesus Christ

### What was Chapter 2:11-22 about?

- Before the cross
  - o Foreigners
- Through the cross
  - o Unites us (Jews and Gentiles) as one people/humanity to God.
  - o Fellow heirs

- Temple – dwelling place
  - Worship.

### **What was Chapter 3:1-13 about?**

- The Message (v.1-6)
  - Administration of God’s grace – to make the known the mystery (this is known by revelation)
  - Mystery of Christ is...
    - Gentiles are fellow heirs through Jesus Christ
- The Messenger (v.7-13)
  - Paul has been given the gift of God’s grace/privilege to be the minister of this mystery.
    - The mystery that was hidden through all ages to all people. (v.9)
    - But he can preach to everyone. (v.9)
    - This mystery that reveals the manifold wisdom of God in the church. (v.10)
    - Through Jesus Christ, which was his eternal purpose. (v.11)

### **What was Chapter 3:14-21 about?**

- Paul’s Petition (v.14-19)
  - God’s power so that Christ would dwell in their hearts
  - God’s strength to comprehend the love of Christ
  - The fullness of God to fill them.
- Paul’s Praise (v.20-21)
  - Praise God for his infinite wisdom.
  - Praise God for his glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.

### **What was Chapter 4:1-6 about?**

- Walk in a manner worthy of the calling
  - Characteristics of a Christian (v.1-3)
    - humble
    - gentle
    - patient bearing in love
    - **unity** of the Spirit.
  - The reason (v.4-6)
    - Because we are one...
      - body
      - Spirit
      - hope
      - call
      - Lord
      - faith
      - baptism
      - God and Father of all.

### **What was Chapter 4:7-16 about?**

## Part 1. Put Off/Put On

- What does the apostle Paul testify (v.17)?
  - You must no longer \_\_\_\_\_ as the Gentiles
  - περιπατέω – walk
  - What is significant about this verb?
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \*\*hint: Eph 2:1, Eph 2:10, **4:1**, 5:2, 5:8, 5:15.
- Where do we see a similar description in the book of Ephesians (v.18)?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the sign of hardness of heart and callousness (v.19)?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- We did not learn Christ that way – that’s not what the Christian life looks like (v.20-21).
- Instead, what does the Christian life involve (v.22-24)?
  - 1) Putting \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ self (v.22)
    - 1) to the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith (v.13)
    - 2) and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God (v.14)
  - 2) be \_\_\_\_\_ in the spirit of your minds (v.23)
  - 3) Putting \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ self (v.24)
    - Christians are a *new creation*.

## Part 2. Characteristics of the Old Self vs. the New Self

- What are the characteristics of the new self – of a Christian (v.25-32)?
  - 1) putting away \_\_\_\_\_ but speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.25).
    - What’s the reason for this?
      - for we are \_\_\_\_\_ one of another.
  - 2) putting away \_\_\_\_\_ (v.26).
    - What’s the reason for this?
      - give no \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.27).
  - 3) Let the thief no longer \_\_\_\_\_, but rather let him \_\_\_\_\_ doing honest work with his own hands (v.28).
    - Why?
      - so that he may have something to \_\_\_\_\_ with anyone in need (v.29).
  - 4) Let no \_\_\_\_\_ come out of your mouths, but only that which is good for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.29).
    - Why?
      - that it may give \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hear.
  - 5) Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit (v.30).
    - Why?
      - You were \_\_\_\_\_ for the day of redemption.
  - 6) Put away all \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (v.31).  
Instead, be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ one another (v.32).
    - Why?
      - God in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## Main Idea



\*List the characteristics of the former way of life; list the characteristics of the new way of life.

\*\*Which list sounds fitting for the Christian/church/people of God?

- a) In a world filled with violence, hatred, cursing, lying, and anger. OR
- b) In a world filled with kindness, truth, mercy, words of love, and forgiveness.

## Applications for Life and Faith

1. Are there signs of hardness of heart and callousness in our lives?
2. What parts of my old self have I not put off yet?
3. What parts of my new self have I not put on yet?
4. What are real-life examples of the characteristics of a Christian (v.25-32)?
  - a. In what ways are we living this out?
  - b. In what ways are we lacking?