

Afternoon Session

Text: Ephesians 4

Title: "Put on the new man" Ephesians 4

¹⁷ 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.

²⁰ 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.

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbour,*" 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 labour, 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, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

³² And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:17-32

A. THE WALK OF THE GENTILES MUST NEVER BE FOLLOWED

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Ephesians 4:17-19

1. Features of the way Gentiles (non-believers) walk

2. Some features highlighted:

- a) The futility of their mind
- b) Having their understanding darkened
- c) Being alienated from the life of God
- d) Because of the ignorance that is in them
- e) Because of the blindness of their heart;
- f) Being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness
- g) To work all uncleanness with greediness

B. PUT OFF THE OLD MAN

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts

Ephesians 4:22

1. The former conduct

2. The old man which grows corrupt

3. According to deceitful lusts

C. PUT ON THE NEW MAN

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Ephesians 4:23-27

1. How do we put on the New Man?

2. Practical details

- a) Be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- b) Nature of the New Man
 - i) The new man which was created according to God
 - ii) In true righteousness
 - iii) And holiness
- c) Put away lying
- d) Speak truth
- e) Be angry but do not sin
- f) Don't give place to the devil

D. PRACTISE YOUR FAITH DILIGENTLY

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Ephesians 4:28-32

1. Work hard
2. Do not employ corrupt words
3. Speak only that which imparts grace to hearers
4. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
5. Put away
 - a) All bitterness
 - b) Wrath, anger, clamour
 - c) And evil speaking
 - d) All malice

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To live the full Christian life
2. To cultivate the New Man strongly
3. To be a blessing to family and friends