

Ephesians Chapter 4 Part Two

The Lord Desires His Church to be His Representatives

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Read From Bible: Ephesians 4:12-32

Ephesians 4:17-19 ¹⁷This 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, ¹⁸having 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; ¹⁹who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Romans 1:21, 24 ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ... ²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural [unbelieving, unsaved] man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Ephesians 1:16b-18 [Paul the apostle did] ^{16b}not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷that the God [Father] of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 4:20-21 ²⁰But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

He knew no sin (2 Cor 5:21), He did no sin (1 Peter 2:22), there was no sin in Him (1 John 3:5).

James 1:21-22 ²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Ephesians 4:21-24 ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

John 3:3, 5-7 ³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ... ⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' "

Romans 6:4-7 ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin, ⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin.

John 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

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.

1 Peter 1:15-16 ¹⁵but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:26-27 ²⁶“*Be angry, and do not sin*”; do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷nor give place to the devil.

Psalm 4:4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

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James 1:19-20 ¹⁹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.

Ephesians 4:28 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.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4: 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 John 3:10b Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother.

“We are not sinless...but we do sin less” Randy Amos

Ephesians 4: 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

James 3:8 But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Kindness—An unselfish, sincere concern for the feelings of others and for their welfare, and a desire to be helpful even at great personal sacrifice. If a neighbor needs immediate help, doesn’t the work missionaries and their families are doing come to mind? We should give our neighbor a portion of our time.

Tenderheartedness—having a sympathetic, affectionate, and compassionate interest in others, and a willingness to bear their burden.

Forgiveness—being ready to forgive, to overlook personal wrongs against ourselves, and to have no desire to get revenge.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 ¹⁸Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that is, that God [the Father] was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 ²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.