

# EPHESIANS 4:20-26

LESSON 28

## *Walking in the New Man*

### 1. Ephesians 4:20-24 – Walk How You Learned Christ

- a. 4:20-21 – You learn first, then what you learn affects how you walk – 1 Cor 15:33
  - i. How did we learn Christ? Not acc. to the flesh → 2 Cor 5:16-17
  - ii. Christ is our Lord, not Paul; Christ is our Head, not Paul; Christ is the Saviour
  - iii. Hearing Paul is hearing the teaching of Christ – 1Co 11:1, 14:37; 1Ti 6:3; 1Th 4:1
  - iv. The Head communicates to the body (mystery/new man) → Rom 5-8; Eph 1-3
  - v. There is more to grace than salvation, there is a worthy walk by grace – Col 2:6
- b. 4:22 – Put off the old man → Eph 2:3; this can't happen until you learn something first
  - i. Does grace teach, motivate, or allow sin? No. Grace kills the sinner – Rom 6:2-11
  - ii. You must identify the old man for what he is – corrupt, deceitful – 2Th 2:10
  - iii. It is impossible to put off the old man without the cross of Christ – Gal 2:20
- c. 4:23 – Renew your mind → This is like Romans 12:1-2 which requires Rom 1-11
  - i. Who are you? Are you identified by the flesh or the spirit – old man or the new?
  - ii. The law fails at this point; it cannot change your mind. Grace can – Rom 8:3,6
  - iii. A new mind about who, what, where, why – 1Co 2:15-16; 2Co 4:16-18, Ti 3:5
- d. 4:24 – Put on the new man → which has already been created – the body of Christ.
  - i. The new man is the image of Christ – Eph 2:10, 15; Col 3:9-11; Rom 8:29
  - ii. This is who you are in Christ – not what you make yourself in Christ – Gal 2:20
  - iii. Your old man came from the world, but now you are new creature – Gal 6:14-15
  - iv. You are now justified and sanctified - 1 Cor 1:30, 6:11;

### 2. Ephesians 4:25-32 – Wherefore...

- a. 4:25 - Lying is put away by grace teaching – which removes enmity, and requires truth
- b. A lie can be told in silence – honesty requires speaking truth when needed – 1Ti 4:2
- c. 4:26 – Righteous anger w/o sin – God gets angry (Ps 7:11; Nah 1:2) at wickedness
  - i. Jesus was angry but with a cause – Matt 5:22, Matt 23:27, John 2:15
- d. 4:27 – The devil will use our ignorance, mistakes, wrong doctrine, past – Ti 2:8, 1Ti 3:6,7
- e. 4:28 – An entire lesson on economics, honest labor, money, giving - 1 Th 4:11; 2Th 3:12
- f. 4:29 – Everything oriented around what we communicate (what is seen/heard)
  - i. “*grace unto the hearers*” – Grace is not niceness, but work for someone else
  - ii. 1 Cor 15:33 – the good manners refers to deportment following doctrine\
- g. 4:30 – Why is he grieved? 1 Cor 3:16; 1 Cor 6:19-20. We are sealed until that day.
- h. 4:31 – These are symptoms of a lack of charity – Charity can only come from grace.
- i. 4:32 – “for Christ’s sake” – it wasn’t because you asked, or b/c your special – Col 2:13
  - i. This forgiveness is different than Matt 6:14-15 or 1 John 1:9
  - ii. You give grace to others for the same reason God gave grace to you - Christ