

Rooted in Authentic Community

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Ephesians 4:17-5:2

God's mission is to reconcile people through faith in Jesus and mobilize His church to reach people with the gospel and make disciples who follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verse - _____:____-____

“S_____, _____ as you _____ as _____, _____ to _____ in _____, being _____ and _____ in _____, and _____ in the _____, just as you were _____, and _____ with _____.”

As Crossover, we strive to be rooted in:

1. God's Word
2. The Holy Spirit
3. Prayer
4. Serving Christ
5. Authentic Community

What is Paul's warning to us as believers in Jesus?

1. Beware of the sinner's _____ (vv 17-19)

- a. A sinner's mind dwells in the _____
- b. The sinner's heart is hardened in _____
- c. The sinner's desire is _____

Never be a _____ - a self-righteously moralistic person who behaves as if superior to others by making a hypocritical display of virtues, forgetting from where Christ delivered them.

2. _____ your conversion from your sinful condition (vv 20-21)

- Know - "manthano" - has Christ as the direct object. He is presented as the sum and substance of the Gospel. To become related to Him is to know Him, and knowing Him is to know His teaching and abide by it.
- Where can the truth be known?

3. Live the new _____, _____ (vv 22-24)

Imagine what the Holy Spirit will do when a church of believers in the truth of Jesus views themselves and one another according to the New Life in Christ.

4. We grow as a _____ community who live our new inside, outside (v 25)

5. We purposely _____ the One who made us new (5:1-2)

What imitators of God don't do:

- Don't give relational _____ to the enemy (vv 26-27)
- Don't _____ from one another but share (v 28)
- Don't speak _____ words (v 29)
 - Don't tear down but build up
 - G.A.G. _____
- Don't _____ the Holy Spirit (v 30)
- Don't let _____ define you (v 31)

What imitators of God purposely do:

- _____ according to the _____ you have been _____ in Christ (v 32)

Questions to think about:

- *In light of Paul's challenge, where am I in the process of living my new inside, outside?*
- *Why is authentic community so challenging? How are you helping Crossover be a renewing community, so Christ brings authenticity?*
- *What are areas in your life where the Holy Spirit convicts you to imitate Christ by faith in His power?*

