God's Grand Plan

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Ephesians 4:17-32

17 Therefore this I say, and implore in the Lord, that you no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 having been darkened in their understanding, having been excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

19 who, having become callous, have given themselves over to licentiousness for the practice of every kind of impurity with greed.

- 20 But you did not learn Christ this way,
- 21 if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

22 that you *have put off* the old person—in accordance with your former lifestyle—who is being corrupted in accordance with deceitful lusts,

23 and are being renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and *have put on* the new person who is created in accordance with God['s likeness] in true righteousness and holiness.

- 25 Therefore, putting off falsehood, speak truth each with one's neighbor, for <u>we are members of one another</u>.
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- **26** Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath,
 - 27 nor give the devil an opportunity.
- 3 28 The one who steals must no longer steal, but rather must labor, working with one's own hands what is good, so that one may have [something] to share with anyone having need.
- **29 Let no unwholesome word come out from your mouth**, but only what is good for building up of the one in need, so that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 <u>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption</u>.

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and rage and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice.

32 But be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



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