

**DOCTRINE THAT DELIGHTS
STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS
Ephesians 4:17-32
“Walking the Talk”**

INTRODUCTION: Walking worthy of our call truly takes daily effort on our part. It does not happen by accident. It must be on purpose, a priority, a daily emphasis that has one attention over anything else. It is a daily demonstration of loyalty displayed in ones actions in public as well as private.

I. Lay Aside What Hinders Your Walk V17-24

- A. *What Paul was saying here was do not live as the “heathen”. Meaning not to live like those who do not trust God. It means much more than just merely living like the non-Jew. The understanding is to live like the heathen is worthless in mind and in deeds.*
- B. *Darkness surrounds the actions of those who embrace the way of heathenism. And ones is not able to understand spiritual truth. (John 14:6-7), (Romans 1:21) (Hebrews 3:12-14)*
- C. *This darken spiritual condition continues with an outbreak of moral depravity. Meaning a lack of shame or guilt for any sin or vice. V19 The translated thought is that they have lost all feeling of shame as “they no longer feel any shame about anything” They have fully given themselves to dark folly of sin and shame. (Romans 1: 24,26,28) Do we hold ourselves back fulfilling the desires of the flesh? (Romans 13:14)*

II. Being Set Apart, We Must Live The part V25-30

- A. *Heathenism and Holiness cannot mix. It’s like oil and water. Living holy or living like a ‘whore / prostitute’ It is an oxymoron, they contradict each other.*
- B. *Telling or living in alterative facts is what the bible calls a” lie”. Lying is the characteristics of heathen living or being driven by ones flesh. (Colossians 3:9)*
- C. *Lying and holding on to anger, which develops into bitterness. Opens the door for Satan to come in and reap havoc in ones walk with the Lord. V27 We will become ineffective for God’s “cause”. Instead of Him working through us, He must work on us. (Judges 16:1-31)*

D. *Living holy means we must fulfill the desires of God's holy divine spirit and not our flesh. (Galatians 5:13), (I John 2:15-18)*

III. Live a Life Of "Forgiveness" V31-32

A. *Put away or get rid of, is like disregarding garbage or trash. In other words it is worthless in ones walk with God. It will bring His chastisement upon the one who does not forgive. (Hebrews 12:5-6)*

B. *Forgiveness here is our reasonable service. (Matthew 18:21-22) Since Christ gave up His life for us at Calvary for a total remission of our sins, past, present and future. (Colossians 3:12-13)*

TO WALK THE TALK WE MUST DAILY COMBAT OUR FLESH, THE WORLD AND SATAN. WE ARE CALLED FOR HIS PURPOSE TO LIVE HOLY. MAY WE STRIVE TO CARRY HIS LIGHT IN A DARK AND WICKED WORLD. "Living For Christ MATTER'S"! James 1:22

