

God's Plan:
Living out Christ's Sacrificial Love

Eph. 4:30–5:2

An Endearing Imitation!

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“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord,
that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,
in the **futility** of their thinking.
They are **darkened** in their understanding and
separated from the life of God
because of the **ignorance** that is in them due
to the **hardening** of their hearts.”

Eph. 4:17-18 (NIV)

“Having **lost all sensitivity**,
they have given themselves over to sensuality
so as to indulge in every kind of impurity,
and they are full of greed.”

Eph. 4:19 (NIV)

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being **corrupted** by its **deceitful desires**; to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to **put on the new self**, created to be **like God** in true righteousness and holiness.”

Eph. 4:22-24 (NIV)

“For we are God’s **handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

When you believed, you were **marked** in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

Eph. 1:13-14 (NIV)

“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The LORD was **sorry** that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in His heart.”

Gen. 6:5-6 (NASB)

Active –

Others focused –

Group edifying –

Grace sustaining –

Holy Spirit Empowered –

Jesus Imitating –

Sacrificial –

Love!

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How are you **imitating Christ**?

– by effectively **“putting on”**
& appropriately **“throwing off”**?