

Walking in Newness of Life

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Big Idea: We are called to live our daily lives in a way that is sharply differentiated from the world around us and from the lifestyle that characterized our pre-Christian past. As a community of believers growing together to maturity, Paul gives us a list of vices to get rid of and virtues to cultivate.

- **A Lofly Call** — Ephesians 1-3
- **A Worthy Walk** — Ephesians 4-6

- **Walk in Unity (4:1-16)**
- **Walk in Newness of Life (4:17-5:2)**

- Taking off the old self
 - vices to get rid of:

- Putting on the new self
 - virtues to cultivate:

- **Walk in Christ's love (5:1-2)**
 - Communion - "as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us"

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (week of Dec 1, 2019)

Spent some time catching up and talking story.

Spent some time in the text. Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2 together.

- As we continue in our study of the "worthy walk," we are going to receive more and more specific and practical instruction.
- Review: In what manner is the believer to walk according to Ephesians 4:1? Summarize what this looks like according to Ephesians 4:2-16.
- According to Ephesians 4:17 and following, what is the next "step" in the believer's walk? In other words, how is the believer to walk?
 - What characterizes the Gentile's (unbeliever's) walk according to Ephesians 4:17-19?
 - Compare Ephesians 4:17-24 with Ephesians 2:1-3, 11-12. What was formerly true of us apart from Christ?
 - Ephesians 4:20 says, "But that is not the way you learned Christ!" — In what way?
 - How does Ephesians 4:24 describe us believers?
- Eph 4:25 — speak truth to your neighbor (Zech 8:16)
 - What effect does falsehood/lying have on our relationships?
 - Why is speaking the truth in love important as we relate to believers and unbelievers?
- Eph 4:26-27 — be angry and do not sin (Psalm 4:4)
 - When is it possible to be angry and yet not sin?
 - In what way can you apply this in your life?
- Eph 4:28 — instead, let him work
 - What are ways that we might steal?
- Eph 4:29 — [speak] as is good for building up
 - Why is speaking with words that edify according to the need of the moment important in our conversations?
- Eph 4:31-32 — be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving
 - How can a proper understanding of the grace of God keep us from being self-centered and bitter?

Spent some time sharing and praying together.

- Pray for each other.
- Pray for the unity of our church family.
- Pray for our church family to be a growing community of believers in which we cultivate these "new self" virtues more and more.