

Off with the Old, On with the New-Pt 2

Ephesians 4:17-32

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What is the only reliable evidence that you are a Christian?

(Check one)

A past experience

A present life that reflects Him

New creatures act like new creatures.

Characterize the “old” life.

Characterize the “new” life.

When we become believers, does that mean that automatically all is well with us? Explain.

We are to change:

A. From lying to speaking the truth. (vs 25)

Can you think of the ways we lie?

Why does Paul start with falsehood?

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B. The question of anger (vss 26-27)

What is the difference between righteous anger and unrighteous anger?

How are we to deal with sinful/unrighteous anger?

What can happen if you take anger to bed with you?

- C. The 3rd destructive behavior to be put off is stealing.
(vs. 28)

We are to put off stealing and put on sharing.

How widespread/in what ways do we steal?

What is behind stealing?

What is the alternative?

- D. The 4th change is a Christian life – put off unwholesome talk and put on only what is building others up according to their needs.

How is our talk “unwholesome?”

What does the Bible say about our speech?

- *James 3:1-10*
- *Psalms 141:3*
- *Matthew 12:34-37*

How do we cleanse our speech? See *Philippians 4:8*

Is your speech encouraging, appropriate to the need and gracious?

- E. A powerful motivator to put off the old and put on the new is to know that when we don't the Holy Spirit is grieved.

In what ways do we grieve the Holy Spirit?

Why should we not grieve the Holy Spirit?

- F. Finally get rid of all (*vs 31*) instead be (*vs 32*)

See *Matthew 18:21-35*