

EPHESIANS - LESSON 8

INTRODUCTION

When we become Christians, we are to live a life "becoming" to saints. The Christian thinks and lives differently from the world - or he should. In this lesson Paul contrasts the "mind" trouble of the Gentile world that leads to sinful living (4:17-19), with the "renewed mind" of the "new man" that leads to righteous living (4:20-24). He then offers seven practical exhortations characteristic of holy living (4:25-5:2). May we so live as to prove we have properly "learned Christ" (4:20).

I. OUR WALK AS INDIVIDUALS: THAT WHICH BECOMETH SAINTS (4:17-5:2).

A. Walk NOT as the Gentiles walk (4:17-24).

1. The Gentile Walk (4:17-19)

- a) In the vanity of their mind.
- b) Darkened in understanding.
- c) Alienated from the life of God
 - (1) Because of the ignorance in them.
 - (2) Because of the hardening of their heart.
- d) Given over to lasciviousness.
 - (1) Because they were past feeling.
 - (2) To work all uncleanness with greediness.

2. The Christian's walk (4:20-24).

- a) Different from the Gentile's walk.
- b) Must put away former manner of life.
- c) Must be renewed in the spirit of our mind.
- d) Must put on the new man.

B. Exhortations to live the life of the new man in Christ (4:25-5:2)

1. Speak the truth.
2. Control our anger.
3. Steal no more - but labor and share.
4. Speak good words that edify.
5. Grieve not the Holy Spirit
6. Put away bitter anger.
7. Be imitators of God
 - a) Be Kind.
 - b) Be tenderhearted.
 - c) Be Forgiving.
 - d) Walk in love.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who does Paul have reference to when he speaks here of the *Gentiles*?

2. In what do most Gentiles walk?
3. What was the condition of the Gentile's understanding?
4. Why were the Gentiles alienated from the life of God.
5. Define *lasciviousness* ?
6. What attitude of heart leads up to and accompanies lasciviousness?
7. What works are connected with lasciviousness?
8. One who learns Christ must put away the _____ .
9. Why should you not live a life lusting after the things of the world?
10. What accompanies the spirit of your mind being renewed?
11. The new life of the Christian is a new _____ .
12. From verses 21 and 24, characterize **TRUTH:**
13. When you put away the "old man" you put away _____ .
14. What reason does Paul give for speaking truth to your brethren?

15. A Christian is never to be angry. (T) (F)

16. Of what kind of anger does Paul warn the Christian ?

17. What are we not to give the Devil?

18. When a Christian practices verse 28, he can continue to participate in the various forms of **Gambling** today. (T) (F)

19. What type of speech is to not come out of our mouths?

20. What type of speech is to be spoken?

22. How can we grieve the Holy Spirit?

23. Unto what day are we sealed?

24. Does God really expect us to control feelings of bitterness and malice?

25. "And be ye _____ one to another, _____,
_____ each other, even as _____ also in Christ forgave you."

26. We imitate God when we _____ in _____ .

27. After looking at Christ's example, describe the walk of love: