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Series: In Christ – A Study of Ephesians
Sermon: Living the New Life in Christ – Part Two

Ephesians 4:25-32

From last week:

1. The new walk begins with a personal relationship with Christ. Eph. 4:20-21
2. The new walk requires that we put off the old self daily. Eph. 4:22
3. The new walk requires that we put on the new self daily. Eph. 4:24
4. The new walk is empowered by the Spirit’s renewing of our minds daily. Eph. 4:23
5. The new walk is experienced as we replace sinful habits with Godly habits.

Ephesians 4:25-32 (ESV) 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- Replace lying with telling the truth.

Ephesians 4:25 (ESV) Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV) 16 There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19 a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Proverbs 12:19 (ESV) Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Proverbs 12:22 (ESV) Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

Proverbs 21:6 (ESV) The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.
• Replace unrighteous anger with righteous anger.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (ESV)  26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,  27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

Proverbs 22:24-25 (ESV)  24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man,  25 lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

• Replace stealing with sharing.

Ephesians 4:28 (ESV) Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 (ESV)  10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.  11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.  12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

• Replace corrupt talk with edifying talk.

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV) Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Proverbs 25:11 (ESV) A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

• Replace grieving the Spirit with sensitivity to the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 (ESV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

• Replace bitterness with forgiveness.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV)  31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.  32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Psalm 86:15 (ESV) But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.