

Putting Shoe Leather on Faith

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 109
Ephesians 4

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Introduction:

I. Walk In _____ (4:1-16)

A. Preserve Unity Together (vv. 1-6)

¹ Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, ² with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ doing *your* utmost to keep the unity *provided* by the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ one body, and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one immersion, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [DJP]

1. Our **priority**: strive to preserve unity (vv. 1-3)

2. God's **provision**: _____ unity (vv. 4-6)

B. Pursue _____ Together (vv. 7-16)

⁷ Now, to each one of us was grace given, in accord with the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Wherefore it says, "When He ascended into the height, He captured captives, He gave gifts to men." ⁹ Now this, "He ascended," what is it if not that He also descended into the lower parts — the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, in order that He might fill all things.

¹¹ And He Himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers, ¹² to the equipping of the holy ones for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Christ, ¹³ until we attain — all of us! — to unity as to the faith and as to the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ in order that we should no longer be infants, being wave-tossed and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the trickery of men, in cunning, for the strategy of error; ¹⁵ but, by being truthful in love, let us grow into Him in all respects, who is the Head — Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted together and held together through every supporting connection, by virtue of¹ the working in measure of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for building itself up in love. [DJP]

1. God's **provision**: gifted _____ (vv. 7-11)

2. Our **priority**: get _____ to _____ in pursuit of maturity (vv. 12-16)

II. Walk _____ from _____ Life (4:17-32)

A. What We Reject (vv. 17-22)

¹⁷ Therefore I say this — indeed, I testify in the Lord: no longer *are* you to walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ due to being darkened in their intellect, because of being alienated from the life of God, on account of the ignorance that is in them, on account of the callousness of their heart; ¹⁹ *these are* the sorts who, having become morally numb, delivered themselves to outrageousness, resulting in the working of all uncleanness with greed.¹

²⁰ But as for you, you did not learn Christ like that, ²¹ assuming that *it is* Him you heard, and *it is* in Him you were taught, since truth is in Jesus, ²² for you to take off, with respect to *your* former behavior, the old man, who was being corrupted in accord with desires *coming* from deceit,

B. What We _____ (vv. 23-24)

...²³ and to be made new in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and to put on the new man, who was created in accord with God, in righteousness and piety *coming* from the truth. [DJP]

C. How We _____ : Putting Off, Putting On (vv. 25-32)

²⁵ Wherefore: having taken off falsehood, “speak truth, each with his neighbor,” because we are members of one another.

²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”; let not the sun set upon your angry mood, ²⁷ nor give room for the Devil.

²⁸ He who steals, let him steal no more, but instead let him labor, working with his own hands what is good, that he might have *something* to impart to the one having need.

²⁹ Every foul word — do not let it go out of your mouth; but *instead*, whatever is good for building up what is needed, that it might give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not sadden the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed until the day of redemption.

³¹ All bitterness and fury and wrath and yelling and abusive speech, let it be taken away from you, *along* with all malice. ³² And become kind to one another, tender-hearted, showing grace to one another, just as also God in Christ showed grace to you. [DJP]

1. Falsehood versus truth (v. 25)
2. Anger versus devilish grudge-bearing (vv. 26-27)
3. Theft versus giving (v. 28)
4. Rotten versus edifying speech (vv. 29-30)
5. Malevolence versus graciousness (vv. 31-32)