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1.

"PUT OFF & PUT ON"

(Ephesians 4:17 - 5:2)

(v17) "I say, therefore ..." - what I'm about to say is based on what I just said.

1. (v17) "you should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk"

"in the futility of their mind" - their thinking will accomplish toward salvation.

"their understanding darkened" - ever described someone as being "in the dark"?
Their thought-process was "Don't educate me or 'shed any light' about God.

"alienated from the life of God" - (Isaiah 59:2)

"because of the ignorance that is in them" - (Romans 1:21-23)

"because of the blindness of their heart" - will not "see" the light of the gospel.

(v19) "who, being past feeling" - these are among the saddest words of the Bible.

(John 6:66-68) "went back and walked no more with Him" (Acts 24:25) "when I have a convenient time I will call you" (Acts 26:28) "you almost persuade me ..."

"have given themselves over to lewdness" - gross; obscene; indecent; fleshly.

"to work all uncleanness" - do all the dirty deeds; nasty; filthy.

"with greediness" - give me more, more, more; actions go unchecked; indulge.

2. (v20) "But you have not so learned Christ" - the brethren have been taught differently.
(1 Corinthians 11:1) "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ"

(v22) "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man ..."

An illustration of laying off an old garment, that another and better one be put on

"which grows corrupt" - that "former conduct" is not good or of eternal value.

"according to the deceitful lusts" - (Hebrews 3:12-13) "the deceitfulness of sin"

They are "deceitful" because they promise happiness and deliver misery.
(1 John 2:15-17) "lust ... is not of the Father but is of the world"

(v24) "and that you put on the new man" - there is a new garment to wear.

"the new man" - this will be a different look than "former conduct."

(1 Peter 2:21) "you should follow His steps" and (1 John 2:6)

"which was created according to God" - it's God's blue-print for us to follow.

3. (25) "Therefore" - because you have "put on the new man," do this!

"putting away lying" - all the different ways of presenting a lie.

"each one of you speak truth with his neighbor"

Meaning, (Matthew 5:16) "Let your light shine before men ..."

(v26) **"Be angry"** - opportunities will be presented.

"and do not sin" - don't allow the opportunity to cause you to sin in anger.

"(v27) "nor give place to the devil" - (2 Corinthians 2:11) (1 Peter 5:8-9)

(v28) **"Let him that stole"** - yes, that described our "former conduct."

"steal no more" - this will be the result of being "the new man."

"Rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good" - honest work

"that he may have something" - (1 Timothy 5:8)

"something to give to him who has need" - a worthy cause.

(v29) **"Let no corrupt word ..."** - foul mouth; words that injure another; lewd.

"But what is good ... necessary edification ... impart grace ..."

(v30) **"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God"**

There are at least 7 sins against the Spirit: (Mark 3:29) "blasphemes against"

(Acts 5:3) "lie to the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7:51) "resist the Holy Spirit"

(Galatians 5:16-17) "flesh lusts against the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:30) "grieve"

(1 Thessalonians 5:19) "quench the Spirit" (Hebrews 10:28-29) "insult"

(v31) **"Let all ... be put away from you"** - "all;" can't pick 'n choose.

"bitterness" - retains angry feelings; anger that festers; boils.

"wrath, anger" - smoldering bitterness that will kindle into flame.

"clamor" - one who wants every one to hear his grievance.

"evil speaking" - when anger exposes itself in verbal abuse and insults.

"with all malice" - evil-mindedness that will reveal itself in bad behavior.

(v32) **"And be ..."** - let it happen!

"kind to one another" - good-hearted; considerate; benevolent; humane.

"tender-hearted" - warm-hearted; soft-hearted; compassionate; sympathetic.

"forgiving one another" - (Matthew 18:21-22) "Then Peter came to Him and said, How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said ... seventy times seven."

"even as God in Christ has forgiven you" - it looks like that!

(5:1) **"Therefore be imitators of God"** - that's a high standard.

"as dear children" - let's copy that actions of our heavenly Father.

(v2) **"And walk in love"** - a daily exercise in seeking the best for one another.

"as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us" - grace

T doesn't get any better than that.

(John 15:13) "Greater love has no man than this,
Than to lay down oe's life for his friends."

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