

Ephesians Series

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What is the “Old Man”?

Ephesians 4:17–21



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” ~NKJV

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Reminder

1. In Ephesians we have seen that a major theme is the emphasis on a corporate reality, the emphasis on the corporate nature of “the Church”.

Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

Eph. 2:16, “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

Review

2. “We” emphasizes the joining together of Jewish and Gentile believers.

Eph. 2:10, “For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Review

3. The problem in their experience was the lack of unity.

Eph. 4:31, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Review

In contrast to:

Eph. 4:1, “Therefore, I, the prisoner of the Lord, strongly urge you to conduct your life in a manner worthy of the exalted position to which you were summoned,” ~RD amplified

Eph. 4:2, “with all humility and gentleness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love, ~RD

Eph. 4:3, “being diligent to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” ~RD

1 Cor. 10:32, “Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Gentiles or to the church of God,” ~NKJV

Col. 3:8, “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col. 3:11, “where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” ~NKJV

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ἀποτίθημι *apotithēmi*

**2 plur aor mid imperative
to put off, lay something
away, i.e., take off clothes
(also in Eph. 4:22)**

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Participles (Often -ing Words) and Verbs

A present tense verb + a present tense participle = action at the same time.

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A present tense verb + a future tense participle = the action of the participle comes after the action of the verb.

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A past tense participle precedes the action of the main verb.

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Col. 3:10, “and have [already] put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,”

ἐνδύω *enduō*

aor mid participle

masc plur nom

to wear, put on

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If this is talking about an individual, why would he say that the new man in you as an individual is neither Jew nor Greek, circumcised nor uncircumcised, nor barbarian, Scythian, slave or free?

Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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The “body of sin” = the sin nature

The old corporate position, our position in Adam was crucified for the purpose that the sinful nature’s power might be neutralized.

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Eph. 4:24, “and your having put on the new man, which according to God is created in truthful righteousness and holiness.” ~DARBY

Eph. 4:22, [you were taught:] “you have already put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man [our previous position in Adam] which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,”

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