

Heaven's Riches – Ephesians

Week Five – Chapter 4:17-32

Ephesians 4:17-24 –

- The walk of an unbeliever is evident. How are they profiled?

V. 17 –

V. 18 –

V. 19 -

Lewdness (19), addicted to perversion with a refusal to recognize limits.

- Do you think there are any warnings here for Christians? If so, what might they be?
- The walk of a believer will be evident! How did Paul summarize what the Ephesians had been taught about life in Christ (20-24)?
 - How did they come to know Jesus in the first place (20-21)?
 - What did Jesus teach the Believers?
 1. To _____ the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self life (22). What's one of the first things a new Believer should learn how to do? Why?
 2. To be _____ by every revelation given us – in the spirit of our mind (23). How do your attitudes affect the way you live?
 3. To _____ or _____ the new self, the glorious Christ within; our new life and live in union with Him (24).

Corrupted (22), literally means rotting, decaying as a drying or dead thing.

Renewal (23) mentioned here is not that of the mind itself in its natural powers of memory, judgment and perception, but "the spirit of the mind," which, under the influence of the indwelling Holy Spirit, directs its focus and energies Godward in the enjoyment of "fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ," and of the fulfillment of the will of God.

- What else do we learn about the new self, the new life we are to embrace (24)?
 - We are _____
 - He recreated us all over again in His perfect _____
 - We now belong to Him in the realm of true _____ - we are created to be _____ God

Ephesians 4:25-32 –

- Verse 25 is key because it is marked with a therefore = what is it there for? How are we able to walk in true righteousness, the true realm of holiness and the power of purity?

Put Off these things

Choose instead to Put On these = be Powerful!

v.25 Discard _____, dishonesty and lying	Always speak _____, seeking unity
v.26 Do not sin by allowing anger to _____ you	Be _____, exercise self-control over emotions
v.27 Do not give devil a foothold to _____ you	Be wise to and _____ the enemy
v.28 Never _____ again	Be industrious, earn honest living, bless, be _____
v.29 Do not let unwholesome, ugly, _____ words come from your mouth	Exercise _____, guard your speech, empower your words as beautiful grace gifts to encourage, help and build others up
v.30 Do not cause grief to, offend or take for _____ Holy Spirit, do not limit His scope in your life	Experience your full salvation; joyfully, expectantly, intentionally _____ with Holy Spirit so His fullness can influence, empower every area of your life
v.31 Get rid of: all _____, bitter anger, bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, insults	v.32 Be kind, affectionate, compassionate toward others. Since Father God has graciously _____ you, graciously _____ others from the power and depth of Christ's love.

Putting off the _____ – _____ is a key word. This is not something to work at doing. INSTEAD, think of putting off as simply _____ that the _____ is dead, and therefore we no longer need to live as though it were still alive!

- o Colossians 2:11 – past tense
- o Romans 8:13 – not putting to death our flesh but rather putting off deeds
- o 1 Corinthians 13:11 – put childish ways behind
- o Ephesians 4:20-25 – put off and put on
- o Colossians 3:5 – put to death deeds
- o Ephesians 4:31 – Rid of deeds
- o Colossians 3:8 – Rid of deeds
- o James 1:21 – Rid of moral filth
- o 1 Peter 2:1 – Rid deeds

_____ **on** – means to _____. Putting on Christ does not mean that we work and strive to be like Jesus. Putting on Christ simply means to sink into _____, to _____ back and _____ in our _____ in Christ. By sinking into Christ we can live a life worthy of our calling!

- o Romans 13:12 – put on the armor of light
- o Ephesians 4:24 – put on the new self
- o Ephesians 6:11, 13 – put on the full armor of God
- o Philippians 4:9 – put into practice all that you've been taught
- o Colossians 3:10 – put on the new self
- o 1 Thessalonians 5:8 – put on faith, love and hope
- o Colossians 3:14 – put on love

Going Deeper This Week: Spend some extended time with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit reviewing what you learned this week in Ephesians 4:17-32. Ask Him to speak to you and record in your journal what you sense Him showing, saying, and highlighting to your heart. Dialogue with Him through these questions as well:

- Since becoming a Believer, what old habits have you discarded? What old habits would you like to discard?
- This revelation of putting off and putting on is **MONUMENTAL** in walking in breakthrough in every area of your life. Once you realize that your struggle against your flesh and sin nature is actually a myth, you will be empowered to put off the old clothes of the ancient man and begin living according to the righteousness of Christ, which is your new nature! What needs to be put off and rid of? What will you put on instead?
- Take a few minutes each day this week to close your eyes, sit back and fellowship with Him in your heart. Thank Father God for how He sees you because of Jesus. Thank Him for the truth of how you need to see yourself and make any adjustments to renew your mind to His truth. Let Him speak into your heart the words of love and encouragement you need to hear each day. Allow Him to shower you in His delight!