

Class Notes | Ephesians 4:17-32 | 11-08-23

1. What observations can we make based on Paul’s teachings about people that are far from God?
2. Paul refers to a new way of life? What is he talking about and what is the process?
3. “And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live” – What does Paul mean by this statement? What does this mean to you and the way you live?

Living as Children of Light | ¹⁷ With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do,

Who is Paul referring to as gentiles? Any one that is not _____

GENTILES

He stacks four phrases with overlapping and climactic meaning.

- _____ - **hopelessly confused**
- _____ - **minds are full of darkness**
- _____ -
wander far from the **life God gives**
- Due to the _____

LEARNING & LETTING *THAT LEEDS TO* LEAVING & LEARNING

²⁰ **But** that isn’t what you **learned** about Christ. ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have **learned the truth** that comes **from him**,

OLD WAY OF LIFE VS. NEW WAY OF LIFE – STOP & START

²² throw off your **old sinful nature** and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

²³ Instead, **let** the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. (mind)²⁴ **Put on your new nature, created to be like God**—truly righteous and holy.

| The old humanity | The new humanity |
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| Take off your old human | |
| Of your former way of life | |
| | That has been created according to God in righteousness and holiness of truth |

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| | Speak truth |
| | Not allowing the sun to set on your anger |
| Let the stealer no longer steal | |
| | Speak words that build others up and give a gift |
| No bitterness, anger, wrath, yelling, blasphemy | |

GRIEVE HOLY SPIRIT

³⁰ And do not bring **sorrow** to **God's Holy Spirit** by the **way you LIVE**. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

LIVE - ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

LIVE LIKE - ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

1. Believers cause the Holy Spirit grief when they **ignore his presence, inner voice or leading**. – (Ro 8:5-17 | Gal 5:16-25)
 - a. Also, through **unwholesome talk** (foul or abusive language) & through **hurtful or violent emotion or behavior** (v.31)
2. Grieving Holy Spirit **leads to** a person **resisting Holy Spirit** – (Acts 7:51)
 - a. Leads to a person **putting out Holy Spirit fire** in their life – (1 Th 5:19)
 - b. Leads to **insulting Holy Spirit** – (Heb 10:29)
 - c. Leads to **blasphemy against the Holy Spirit** for which there is no forgiveness – (Mat 12:31)

The Process | Grieving leads to Resisting leads to Putting out the fire to insulting to blasphemy

THOUGHT QUESTIONS FOR EPHESIANS 5:1-14 - 11/15/23

1. Who are we to be imitators of?
2. Why is Jesus' love the ultimate example?
3. What is the evidence in our lives that we are walking in light and not in darkness?