

Series: Church Matters

Message: The New Life In The Church

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

²⁰ You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.

²¹ Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

²⁸ He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

⁵ ¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1. The New Self.

2. The New Life.

-Not ruled by sensuality

-New habits take the place of the old

-The hard work of unity

3. The New Motive.