

Epic Significance
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:14
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- I. A Look Back
 - A. Ephesians 4:17-24
 - 1. Ephesians 4:25 – 5:14 is largely _____ on Ephesians 4:17-24
 - a. Paul is telling the Ephesians what they are to “_____” and “_____”
 - B. A Look Forward
 - 1. Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 is primarily what the Christian life _____ like
 - a. What they are to “_____”
 - 2. Ephesians 5:3-14 is primarily what is _____ from the Christian life
 - a. What they are to “_____”
- II. Lying and Anger – Vv. 25-27
 - A. Truth
 - 1. “Put off” _____
 - 2. Important _____ in Ephesians 4
 - 3. We are all part of one _____
 - B. Be Angry?
 - 1. The literal translation
 - 2. Paul’s point
 - a. Do not _____ in your anger
 - 3. One _____ of anger
 - a. It provides a place from which _____ can attack
 - 4. Anger is a sin that leads to other _____
 - 5. Do not let anger _____
 - 6. The problem of _____ anger

C. What I've Learned About Anger

1. Most of the things that have made me angry in my life
 - a. Are not worth the _____ capital I've invested in them
 - b. And they certainly aren't worth the _____ my sin has caused
2. The root of anger is _____

3. When I am focused on others

III. Be Other-Oriented – Vv. 28-29

A. Don't Steal – Vs. 28

1. Rather _____
2. Motivation: So that you will be able to _____ others
3. The value of _____

4. Again, we see the importance of _____

B. Words that Build Up – Vs. 29

1. Destructive, _____ language
2. Our words are to be used to _____ and _____ up others
3. Thoroughly _____ centered

IV. Christian Ethics in a Nutshell – Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A. Grieving the Holy Spirit

1. The conjunction “and” _____ this command with what precedes
2. The Holy Spirit is the “_____” of reconciliation and _____ within the body of Christ
3. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is grieved when we act in ways that destroy _____

B. The Holy Spirit

1. Is the _____ guaranteeing our inheritance
2. Is the _____ that proves we belong to God
3. Incongruity

C. So Get Rid of It

1. All that is _____

D. And Practice that Which Edifies

1. _____, compassion, _____

E. Imitate God

1. We are _____ - _____ of God

2. _____ in love as Christ did

F. This is a Wholly Other-Centered Ethic

1. This is the community God _____

2. We are to do whatever we can to maintain the _____ that Christ created by his sacrifice

V. Application: A Few Words on Forgiveness

A. Forgiveness Defined

1. Forgiveness is relinquishing my _____ to _____ for a wrong done to me

a. It is refusing to hold a person's sin _____

2. What it does not mean

3. It simply means releasing the right to _____ back

4. "Forgiveness is not an absence of accountability. It is a refusal to let a past wrong destroy present relations." (Dr. Klyne Snodgrass)

B. Why Forgive?

1. We're _____ to

2. We have been _____

3. Forgiving others is in our best _____

VI. What Not to Wear...Spiritually Speaking – Vv. 3-6

A. Sexually Immorality and Greed

1. *Porneia* included incest, _____, prostitution, _____, and any sexual activity outside the _____ covenant

2. Greed is the _____ for more

3. These things are completely _____ for the person belonging to God

B. The Tongue...Again

1. These verses prohibit _____, disgraceful, _____ talk

2. What is fitting - _____

a. Thanksgiving is the _____ for greed

C. Warnings

1. "For you know..."

2. Those whose lifestyle reflects such sins

3. "Let no one deceive you"

VII. Children of Light – Vv. 7-14

A. Therefore...

1. Since they are under _____

a. Since they are in _____ to God

2. Do not be _____ with them

3. This does not mean to _____ from them completely

4. It does mean do not become part of their _____

5. "If one is joined to Christ and shares in him, one cannot share in the lives of those practicing sexual sin and greed." (Dr. Klyne Snodgrass)

B. Live the Light – Vv. 8-10

1. Verse eight

a. _____ statement of Ephesians

2. Formerly/Now _____

a. You were once _____

b. You are now _____ in the Lord

3. Live/ Walk

4. Spheres of Influence

5. Become who you are

6. What this looks like

C. Let the Light Do Its Work – Vv. 11-14

1. When we walk in the light, people _____

2. We _____ the light

a. And that light shines on the deeds of others

3. What Paul is not saying

4. What Paul is saying

D. Christian Hymn?

1. Based on the _____

2. May have been an early Christian _____

3. May have been Paul's own _____

4. Either way, Paul is reminding his readers of their _____

5. Paul's point is this: If Christ's _____ so changed your life, it has the
_____ to change others

E. Final Charge