

A dramatic landscape painting of Ephesus at sunset. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted ruins of the Temple of the Virgin Mary are visible, with its iconic archway framing the view. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a city, likely Ephesus, nestled in a valley. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, creating a warm and atmospheric scene. The overall mood is contemplative and historical.

EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Walking worthy... #3

- Five 'people' gifts to the church: (4:11)
 - Equipping of the saints, work of ministry
 - Building up the body in love
 - Unity, full knowledge, 'mature'
 - Or else: children, tossed by waves, deceit
- Christ the Head: fitted; Held together
 - Causes the whole to grow into LOVE!!!

Stop walking?! 4:17

- This I say... he had seen it!
- The Gentile walk... #4
 - Futility of mind – devoid of truth, depraved
 - Darkened 3x Rev 9:2; 16:10
 - “excluded...ignorance...hardness of heart”
 - Rom 1:21ff – when the heart fails...

Hearts destroyed

- Having become callous – process
– *apalgeo* - cease feeling, be past feelings
dangerous!
- Sensuality (KJV – lasciviousness)
 - Every kind of impurity – “all uncleanness”
 - With greediness – “craving” - always more

The Way Out 4:20-24

- Learn Christ - be informed, by use and practice, knowledge
 - Heard Him, His teachings
 - Taught in Him
 - It must be about JESUS!!! Truth!
 - Not in religion, philosophy, ethics

Results of truth...

- You put aside, take off, put away
 - Col 3:8
 - Old self/man/nature
 - Corrupt/depraved – pine, waste away
 - Forbidden cravings of deception, cheated

Results of Truth

- You renew your mind – Col 3:10
 - make young again (child-like faith)
 - Your spirit.. Your human response
- Put on:
 - New Self/Man/Nature – new desires/
feelings
 - Provided by Christ (Col 3:10; Rom 8:29)

Take out the **trash!**

- Like 22...you do! Old 'cloaks':

1. 'Cloak of Lies'

- Omission and Commission...

- No "Little, white lies..."

- Let yes be 'yes'; and no, 'NO'!

- Devil = Father of lies (*pseudo*) Jn 8:44

- SPEAK TRUTH! We're ONE! Rev 22:15!

ANGER

2. 'Cloak of Anger'

- *orgizo/orge* – wrath, anger
 - Why is this such a problem with us?
 - We are angry when:
 - We are scared
 - We are uncomfortable
 - We feel threatened
 - We have unresolved issues...

ANGER

- It is always sin when:
 - It broods, lingers and turns to malice
 - It is given to contempt and ridicules others
 - It is proud, arrogant or violent
 - It leads to abuse – physical or otherwise
 - It leads to cursing and foul speech/acts
 - It harbors revenge, belongs to GOD Ro 12:19
 - Passive and/or suppressed