



EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Stop walking?! 4:17

• TAKE OUT THE TRASH:

1. Cloak of Lies (25)
2. Cloak of Anger (26)
3. Cloak of Stealing (28)
4. Cloak of Worthless talk (29)

More 'hiding'

5. The Garment of Grieving (HS)

- *Lupeo* – make sorrowful, heavy, pain
- Carnal minds/acts Ro 8:5-7; 12-13
- Lying – Acts 5:3-4
- Denying His move (Is 63:10; Ac 7:51)
- We are sealed by this Spirit, For His ownership and use (see 1:13-14)

More 'hiding'

6. The Garment of Unkindness

- Bitterness (*pikria*, bitter - He 12:15)
- Wrath (*thumos* – indignation; Lu 4:28)
- Anger (*orge*) – have we said enough?
- Clamor (*krauge* – shout, outcry)
- Slander (*blasphemia* – evil speaking)

#7 - Cloak of the KING!

- Be Kind (*chrestos*) Ro 2:4; Mt 11:30
- “one-another-ing” – still a command
- Tenderhearted – *eusplagchnos* 1Pt 3:8
- Forgiving – *charizomai* no choice here
- As Christ did it... (no loop holes!!)
- How?

Imitators of God – Ch. 5

- Be imitators (*mimetes*) of God
 - 1Co 4:16; 11:1; 1Th1:6; 2:14; He 6:12
 - How to imitate God? How to learn?
 - Hint: Mt 5:44ff
- **NOTE:** “as beloved children”

Walk Of Love #5

- Walk in love, as Christ loved you
 - No loop holes here!
 - Gave completely! Nothing held back...
- Fragrant aroma (Mt 20:28)
 - How do we smell to God?? (2Co 2:15)
 - Our acts have an “air” about them...
 - Do we please God??

Warnings:

- Immorality (Ro 1:29; 1Co 6:18) *porneia*
 - The most common vice of the lost
- Any impurity - *akatharsia*
 - Uncleaness of any kind
- Greed — *pleonexia*; coveting
 - What does this say about “prosperity”

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- Note how these 3 are the same to Paul
- We tend to think the 3rd is OK, WHY?
 - Let them never be named among you...
 - Matt 12:34 – out of the heart...
 - Matt 12:36 – careless words...
 - Col 4:6 – always with grace
 - “proper for the saints” - to stand out, fit

About the mouth...

- No Filthiness – obscenity
- No Silly Speech *morologia 1x* – insipid, senseless, stupid, foolish – idle talk
- Jestng – coarse, low humor
- Not fitting – not in keeping with Christ

The positive...

- Rather, give thanks - *eucharistia*
 - How thankful of a people are we??
 - Why are testimonies so hard to come by?