

WALKING THE WALK

EPHESIANS 4

**It is important to
recognize the most
important word in the
verse**

“Therefore”

**Paul wants the
Ephesian church to
recognize the high
calling in Christ.**

**Paul takes time to
remind them of the
benefits of this
relationship.**

**What are these
benefits?**

***salvation by grace
through faith**

Vs. 1-3

***unity in the body of
Christ**

Vs. 3-6

***gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Vs. 7-10

***our edification
through gifts in the
church**

Vs. 11-16

**He says all this to
remind them that
because of this list,
they are to live
different.**

**I'm here to remind you
of the same thing.**

Ephesians 4:17

**Therefore, I say this
and testify in the Lord:
You should no longer
walk as the Gentiles
walk, in the futility of
their thoughts.**

**Ephesians 4:18 They are
darkened in their
understanding, excluded
from the life of God,
because of the ignorance
that is in them and
because of the hardness
of their hearts.**

Ephesians 4:19 They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more.

1. BE DIFFERENT

**You and I should be
different.**

- walk different**
- talk different**
- act different**

**What changed about
you when you came to
Christ?**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, he is a new
creation; old things
have passed away, and
look, new things have
come.

**Paul takes the next
three verses to point
out the areas of
struggle for the lost.**

***heads**

Romans 1:28 And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a worthless mind to do what is morally wrong.

***hearts**

**Proverbs 28:14 Happy
is the one who is
always reverent, but
one who hardens his
heart falls into trouble.**

***hands**

It's the attitude that says "I'll do what I want, when I want, with whom I want, and I don't care what you think about it."

**Do you see why it is so
important to be
different?**

**Ephesians 4:20-21 But
that is not how you
learned about the
Messiah, assuming you
heard about Him and
were taught by Him,
because the truth is in
Jesus.**

2. BE DISCERNING

**John 14:6 Jesus told
him, “I am the way, the
truth, and the life. No
one comes to the
Father except through
Me.**

“If you don't stand for something, you will fall for everything.”

1 John 5:20-21 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true One. We are in the true One— that is, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

**There is eternal value
for you and others
when you show God-
given discernment.**

**Ephesians 4:22-23 You
took off your former
way of life, the old self
that is corrupted by
deceitful desires; you
are being renewed in
the spirit of your minds;**

**Ephesians 4:24 you put
on the new self, the
one created according
to God's likeness in
righteousness and
purity of the truth.**

3. BE DECISIVE

**Paul now gives the
important process that
has to take place in our
lives...**

-put off Vs. 22

-be renewed Vs. 23

-put on Vs. 24

1. Put off the old man

Romans 6:11 So, you
too consider
yourselves dead to sin
but alive to God in
Christ Jesus.

**This is a daily decision
that you and I must
make and then live out.**

2. Be renewed in your mind.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.

**Romans 12:2 Do not be
conformed to this age,
but be transformed by
the renewing of your
mind, so that you may
discern what is the good,
pleasing, and perfect will
of God.**

3. Put on the new man

Galatians 2:19-20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**It is equally important
that all three of these
disciplines be
followed.**

**So how are you doing
at being**

**Different
Discerning
Decisive**

**Can you say you are
showing off Jesus
Christ with your life?**