

Ephesians 4:20-32 Part I

The Biblical Process of Change

1. The _____ of Change: (20-21)

- a. Only _____ are able to truly change:
 - i. Unbelievers are _____ in sin and _____. –*Eph 2:1-3*
 - ii. Unbelievers have no _____ apart from the gospel. –*Eph 2:12*
- b. Christians _____ change and grow:
 - i. We were saved _____, and not _____, good works. –*Eph 2:8-10*
 - ii. Conformity to Christ's _____ is foundational. –*Matt 28:19-20*

2. The _____ of Change: (22-24)

- a. Put off your old self:
 - i. Your former manner of living: _____. –*Eph 2:10*
 - ii. Corrupt through deceitful desires: _____. –*Eph 2:3*
- b. Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind:
 - i. This is a _____ work. –*Eph 1:17-18; 3:18-19; 4:17*
 - ii. Through _____, the _____ and the _____. –*Eph 4:15*
- c. Put on the new self:
 - i. Created after the likeness of God: _____. –*Eph 2:10*
 - ii. In righteousness and holiness: _____. –*Eph 4:13-16*

3. The _____ of Change: (25-28)

- a. Lying:
 - i. Put away falsehood. –*John 8:44*
 - ii. Let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor. –*Zech 8:16*
 - iii. For we are members of one another. –*Eph 4:15-16; 5:29*
- b. Anger:
 - i. Be angry and do not sin. –*Ps 4:4a*
 - ii. Do not let the sun go down on your anger. –*Ps 4:4b; Lev 19:17-18*
 - iii. And give no opportunity to the devil. –*Eph 4:1-3; 6:11*

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But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.