

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges: Walking with Christ A Study of Ephesians 4-6

Message for Sunday, April 18:

Wardrobe Replacement Ephesians 4:17-24

²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Ephesians 4:21-24 (NASB95)

Today's Main Thought: Growing believers of Jesus Christ are required to throw off a life which alters God presence and put on the life fashioned by Jesus Christ.

Growing believers are encouraged to:

- **Take off a life tailored by the world system (Eph. 4:17-19; 22; Colossians 3:8; 1 John 2:15-17).**
 - A life sown together by: Godless living (*review Ephesians 4:1-2*)
 - A life which does not resemble Jesus Christ
- **Put on the life fashioned after Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:20-21; 23-24; Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:9-14).**
 - Christ followers are encouraged to clothe themselves with spiritual attire which reflects Jesus Christ
 - Wear the basic garment of love
 - Know Christ's designer label: unity

- Accessorize with tenderheartedness, mercy, kindness, gentleness, and making allowances for others faults

Getting Started

What is the best piece of clothing you have had for years and can't seem to discard?

Digging Deeper

How would you compare moral standards today with the moral standards of Paul's day? Review the following action: List one way in which you need to become spiritually mature? What does it mean "to put off your old self" (v.22) and "to put on the new self" (v.24)?

Living It Out

What are the positive and/or negative motivations which prompt you to live a Christian life? Where do you feel you are making progress in your Christian life?

Next Week: Ephesians 4:25-32
Wardrobe Replacement (part 2)
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