

Message Series:

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

Message for Sunday, April 25:

### Wardrobe Replacement Ephesians 4:25-32

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil an opportunity.  
Ephesians 4:25-27 (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.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ that followers of Christ must take out of their wardrobe (Ro 13:12; Eph 4:22, 25; Col 3:8; Heb 12:1; Jas 1:21; 1Pe 2:1).

Put away:

- **Lying;** but rather **show and speak** truth to your neighbor (v. 25; v. 4:15; *John 8:44* Ro 1:25; Rev 14:5; 21:27; 22:15).
- **Anger;** but rather keep **a short account** of your neighbor's faults (v. 26-27).
- **Stealing;** but rather be **productive** giving back to those in need (v. 28; Exodus 20:15).

- **Corrupt Speech;** but rather **promote conversation and gestures** which build up your neighbor and the body of Jesus Christ (vv. 29; Matthew 7:17-18; James 3:5-6).
- **Bitterness;** but **right away** work through the source of your bitterness. Do not allow bitterness to settle into simmering inner hostility (vv. 31-32; Colossians 3:19; Psalm 133:1).

#### Getting Started

Read verses 25-32 and review the five sins followers of Christ must take out of their wardrobe.

#### Digging Deeper

Of all the commands that are given here for Christian living, which seems to be the major command God is challenging you with in your life?

#### Living It Out

Spend time this week memorizing Ephesians 4:29-30

Next Week: Ephesians 5:1-5  
Be Like Christ!  
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