

## CHAPTER 4

- ❖ The spirit of a movement or group matters
  - Is what draws others to it
  - Is what keeps things together
  - Is what distinguishes them from others
- ❖ Vs. 1: Our walk must match our words

### *The Worthy Walk (Vs. 1-3)*

- ❖ Note the contrast with your old walk – Eph. 2:2, 10
- ❖ We are to walk worthy – Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10; 1 Thes. 2:12
- ❖ Vocation: calling – Eph. 1:18
- ❖ Characteristics of our walk:
  - With all lowliness and meekness – Mat. 11:29
  - Long-suffering – Gal. 5:22; Col. 3:12; Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:16
  - Forbearing one another in love – Col. 3:13
  - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

### *Unity in the Body of Christ*

- ❖ Endeavoring (spoudazō: to hasten, make haste; to exert one's self) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace – Acts 5:39; Col. 3:14
- ❖ Vs. 4: There is one body, and one Spirit – Eph. 1:23, 2:15-16; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:13
- ❖ Vs. 4: We are called in one hope of our calling – Eph. 1:18; Col. 1:4
- ❖ Vs. 5: One Lord, one faith, one baptism – Mat. 28:17-19; Acts 2:38
  - One Lord – 1 Cor. 1:13
  - one faith – Jude 3
  - one baptism – Heb. 6:6
- ❖ Vs. 6: One God and Father of all
  - One God – Mal. 2:10
  - Through all and in us you all – Rom. 11:36

### *All of us are gifted (vs. 7-10)*

- ❖ Every one of us – Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- ❖ ...was given – Eph. 1:14

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*He that descended also ascended (vs. 7-10)*

- ❖ Vs. 7: The gift of grace – 1 Cor. 12:7, 11 (MSG)
- ❖ Vs. 8:
  - When he ascended – Psa. 68:18
  - Led captivity captive – 1 Pet. 3:19; 1 Pet. 4:6
  - Gave gifts – note that which came from Christ were gifts and should be treated as such
- ❖ Vs. 9: Lower parts: Hades (Sheol), place of torment and Abraham's bosom – Luke 16:19-31
- ❖ Vs. 10: He also ascended – Acts 1:9; that He might fill all things – Eph. 1:23

*Spiritual Leadership (vs. 11-13)*

- ❖ These gifts are not up to us but God – 1 Cor. 12:6-11
- ❖ Vs. 11: He gave some
  - Apostles: a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders (Thayer's Greek Definitions); a delegate; specifically, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Definitions)  
Eph. 2:20; also used to refer to Barnabas and Saul (Acts 14:4, 14)
  - Prophets: 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Cor. 14:1; Eph. 2:20; Acts 11:27; 13:1; 15:32; 21:10
  - Evangelists: Acts 21:8; 2 Tim. 4:5
  - Pastors and teachers: Jer. 3:15; Jer. 10:21; 1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; John 10

*Why these gifts? (vs. 12-13)*

- ❖ Vs. 12:
  - For the perfecting (katartismos: complete furnishing, equipping) of the saints
  - For the work of the ministry – for service
  - For the edifying of the body of Christ – Col. 1:24-29; Rom. 14:19
- ❖ How long? Vs. 13 – Heb. 5:11-14

*The New Life (vs. 14-32)*

- ❖ Vs. 14: we have to be grounded in faith, not tossed and moved by everything that comes  
1 Cor. 14:20; Rom. 16:17-18
- ❖ Vs. 15: Speak the truth **IN LOVE** – Gal. 3:1; Eph. 2:1-3
  - Christ is the head – Eph. 1:22
- ❖ Vs. 16: Fitly joined together –
  - The whole body, not just you – Rom. 12:4
  - Growth is the result of every part of the body doing its part

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### *Your Walk Matters (vs. 17-32)*

- ❖ Vs. 17: In Christ, you are no longer like everybody else – Eph. 2:2; 4:22
  - Foolish, futility of their minds
    - I have to change my mind – Rom. 12:2
  - **We are not to go along with the crowd (MSG)**
- ❖ Vs. 18: With blinded hearts – Rom. 1:21 (MSG & KJV)
  - Blindness: pōrōsis: the covering with a callus; dulled perception (Thayer's Greek Definitions)
  - Darkened understanding –
  - Alienated from the life of God through ignorance – Eph. 2:12
- ❖ Vs. 19: They are past feeling – 1 Tim. 4:2
  - Given themselves over to lasciviousness – 1 Pet. 4:3

### *You Are Better Than This (vs. 20-21)*

- ❖ Vs. 20: This verse illustrates the importance of sound Biblical teaching
  - Note that it says they learned Christ and not merely learned about Christ
- ❖ Vs. 21: How we learn Christ
  - Hear Him and be taught by Him
  - Truth is an indicator of learning Christ

### *The New Life (vs. 22-32)*

- ❖ Vs. 22: Put off concerning the former conversation of old man – Col. 3:8; Rom. 6:6; 13:13-14
- ❖ Vs. 23: Be renewed (ananēōō: to renovate, that is, reform – Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries), in the spirit of your mind – Rom. 12:2; Gal. 5:17
  
- ❖ Vs. 24: Put on the new man – Rom. 6:4
  - The new man is a new creature in Christ – 2 Cor. 5:17
    - Created in righteousness and true holiness
      - If there is true holiness, there must be false holiness – purity toward God

### *Aspects of Walking in the New Life*

- ❖ Vs. 25: Stop Lying – Zech. 8:16
  - With his neighbor – particularly believers
  - We are members one of another – Rom. 12:5
- ❖ Vs. 26: Be angry and sin not – Psalm 4:4; 37:8; Psalm 103:9

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*“Anger against evil can be righteous. But there are other times when anger is sinful. When it is an emotion of malice, jealousy, resentment, vindictiveness, or hatred because of personal wrongs, it is forbidden.”* Believer’s Bible Commentary

- ❖ Vs. 27: Stop giving the devil opportunity – Rom. 12:19; 2 Cor. 2:10-11; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8
- ❖ Vs. 28: Stop stealing and work –
  - Steal is contrasted by share (metadidōmi: to give over, share, impart Strong’s)
  - Let him labor – Acts 20:34-35
  - May have to give – Luke 3:11; Luke 21:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:12
- ❖ Vs. 29: Watch your mouth –
  - Corrupt communication – Col. 3:8-9; Eph. 5:3-4; Psa. 5:9; Psa. 52:2; Psa. 73:7-9; Mat. 12:34-37
  - ...to the use of edifying – Col. 4:6; 1 Thes. 5:11
  - ...may minister grace to the hearers – Col. 3:16-17
- ❖ Vs. 30: Don’t grieve the holy Spirit of God – Isa. 7:13; Gen. 6:3; Psa. 95:10; Acts 7:51; Heb. 3:10,17; Read verse 30 in The Message
  - The Holy Spirit is our seal – Eph. 1:13
    - Sealed: sphragizō: to stamp for security of preservation (Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries)
    - Day of redemption: Eph. 1:14; Hos. 13:14; Luke 21:25-28; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:54
- ❖ Vs. 31: Put these away from you:
  - Bitterness – Psa. 64:3; Rom. 3:12-14; James 3:14-15
  - Wrath – Prov. 14:17; Col. 3:8
  - Anger – James 1:19
  - Clamour – Pro. 29:9, 22; 1 Tim. 6:4-5
  - Evil Speaking – Lev. 19:16; Pro. 6:19; Rom. 1:29-30
  - All malice – Titus 3:3; Pro. 10:12; Pro. 26:24-25
- ❖ Vs. 32: What we need to be toward each other:
  - Kind one to another – Psa. 112:4-5
  - Tenderhearted – Psa. 145:9; James 5:11
  - Forgiving one another – Mat. 6:14-15; 2 Cor. 2:7
    - God has forgiven us for Christ’s sake