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"COME UP, GROW UP, & GET TO WORK! – Pt. 5"
["Grow Up!" Pt. 2 (Ephesians 4:17-34)]
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INTRO: We're in a series of messages covering three primary themes in the book of Ephesians. You must *Come Up* (Eph. 2:6) to *Grow Up*, and you must *Grow Up* to effectively *Get to Work*. Having ***"Come Up!"*** it's now time to ***"Grow Up!"*** (Eph. 4:15). This morning in Part 2 of ***"Grow Up!"*** we're going to work our way through Eph. 4:17-34. The first 16 verses are about ***Walking Worthy of Your Calling*** which we will cover in the ***"Get To Work!"*** theme.

I. PUT OFF THE OLD MAN (4:17-22, 25-31)

A. Because we are to be equipped for ministry and maturity, we should think and live differently than unbelievers (v. 17). Do you?

B. How unbelievers live – how not to live (vv. 18-19):
1. Their understanding is darkened (v. 18a).
2. They're alienated from the life of God (v. 18b).
3. They're ignorant with blind hearts (v. 18c).
4. Their conscience is seared (numb) (v. 19a).
5. They live with greed & unrighteousness (v. 19b).

•Reject God -> hard heart -> alienation from the life of God -> spiritual & moral ignorance -> darkened understanding -> unrighteous living -> seared conscience -> more unrighteous living.

C. This isn't the life Christ modelled or taught (v. 20).

D. We should hear Christ, be taught by Him & follow His truth, which is His very essence (v. 21; Jn. 14:6).

E. What to ***put off*** [like a garment] (v. 22): ***This is your responsibility – no acceptable excuses!***
1. Your former conduct.
2. The old man – your old nature and its lusts.

F. More things to ***put away*** (vv. 25-32):
1. Lying (v. 25; Zech. 8:16).
2. Sinning in anger (v. 26; Ps. 4:4).
   a. Deal with your anger and personal conflicts before the day is done (v. 26b).
3. Giving the devil a foothold (v. 27).
4. Stealing (v. 28a).
5. Slothfulness (v. 28b).
6. Empty and foolish talk (v. 29a).
7. Grieving the Holy Spirit of God (v. 30; 1:13).
8. ***ALL*** bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and malice (v. 31).

•To ***"put off"*** that old self takes conscious, daily decisions to remove anything that supports or feeds the old self's desires, & to instead nurture the new man!

II. PUT ON THE NEW MAN (4:23-24, 29, 32)

•You must take off the old man before you can put on the new man!

A. What to put on (vv. 23-24, 32) [your responsibility!]:
1. A renewed mind (v. 23; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8).
2. The new man which is transformed by the power of God to live righteous & holy (v. 24).
3. Edifying words, which impart grace (v. 29b; Prov. 15:26; 16:24; 25:11).
4. Kindness, tenderheartedness & forgiveness (v. 32).

CONCLUSION: Having ***"Come Up!"*** it's now time to ***"Grow Up!"*** Put Off the Old Man – don't think or live like unbelievers! Put On the New Man – which includes renewing your mind and results in living a righteous and holy life.

•This is what it looks like to ***Grow Up!***

****There are no acceptable excuses not to do this! "Grow Up!"***