

# *the* TAKE HOME 07.26.15

## Today's Scripture Passage: Ephesians 4:17-32

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**17** So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. **18** They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **19** Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. **20** You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. **21** Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. **22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **25** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26** "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** and do not give the devil a foothold. **28** He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. **29** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## Questions

- Who are the "Gentiles" referred to here in 3:17?
- What are we to put off and what are we to put on?
- How do we "grieve" the Holy Spirit?
- What are the reasons Paul is concerned to instruct our walk/living?