

Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit - EPH 4:30

You Must No Longer Walk As the Gentiles -- Christians who are struggling

Eph 4:17-30 ESV Now this I say and testify in the Lord, ***that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do***, in the **futility of their minds**. 18 They are **darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God** because of the **ignorance** that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart**. 19 They **have become callous** and have **given themselves up to sensuality**, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

No longer “walk as the Gentiles” - the central cause is ***alienated from the life of God***

- Alienated from the life of God (estranged - a non-participant) --- due to the hardness of heart

Being alienated from the life of God extends to every area of life like a pebble in a pond

- It affects the mind - *futility or of mind = devoid of truth and appropriateness*
- It affects the understanding [*ie where we process the things of the mind*] - *it is darkened - obscured*
- It affects the heart - *hardness of heart*
- It affects the emotions - *callous [apathetic - OFF] - not affected by sin*
- It affects the actions [*given (commit treason against themselves) or betray themselves*] to *sensuality*
- It affects the appetites [*and greed to practice every kind of impurity*]

You did not Learn Christ this way - you are NOT Alienated from the Life of God

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!--21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your ***old self***, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to **be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, 24 and to put on the ***new self***, **created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness**.

- We are learning CHRIST - not learning ABOUT Christ (I am learning or learning about football)
- We've HEARD, we were TAUGHT in Him
- The TRUTH is in Jesus
- The new self is created after the likeness of God

LEARNING CHRIST has a profound affect on us

- Put off the old self
- Be renewed in the spirit of your minds
- Put on the new self

NEW SELF - created in the LIKENESS OF GOD - it is also like a pebble in the pond

It affects our integrity / and the way we treat our neighbor -- SPEAK TRUTH

- 25 Therefore, **having put away falsehood**, let each one of you **speak the truth** with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

It affects our temperament (anger) - and makes us effective in spiritual warfare -- DON'T SIN

- 26 **Be angry and do not sin**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

It affects our selfishness -- GIVE GENEROSITY

- 28 Let the **thief no longer steal**, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he **may have something to share** with anyone in need.

It affects our language to build up - BUILDS UP OTHERS

- 29 Let no **corrupting talk** come out of your mouths, but only such as is **good for building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

DO NOT GRIEVE- the Holy Spirit - a PERSON - Lives in you

30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

You are the Temple of the Holy Spirit

1Co 6:19 ESV Or **do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

God did this as part of the New Covenant to Move us to Obedience

Eze 36:25-27 ESV I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And **I will give you a new heart**, and a **new spirit** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and **cause you to walk** in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

LEARN CHRIST - HEAR FROM HIM, BE TAUGHT BY HIM - as the TRUTH is in JESUS

Eph 4:20-21 KJV But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have **heard him**, and have been **taught by him**, as the truth is in Jesus:

RECOGNIZE THE WORK HE HAS DONE BY PUTTING HIS SPIRIT IN YOU

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR PART -- A PUTTING OFF AND A PUTTING ON -

- God works in you to will and do his good pleasure - we are simply cooperating with him

YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY IS LIVING IN YOU