

Ephesians 4:17-5:1  
Living—To the Praise of His Glory!

**“...because as He is so also are we in this world.” (1 John 4:17)**

Introduction:

***Ephesians 4:17-19, “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. 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. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.”***

NIV uses the word “insist on” in place of testify.

1. This command does away with any teaching that:

2. Paul goes on to give a description of all believers:

3. The characteristics of all unbelievers:

- a. Their thinking is futile:
- b. Their understanding is covered in darkness:
- c. Their ignorance keeps them:
- d. Their hardness of heart strengthens:
- e. Their ability to be sensitive to the truth:
- f. Their need to feel something drives them:

***Ephesians 4:20-21, “But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus,”***

1. We do not come to know the Jesus of the Bible through:

- a. Jesus is not:
- b. Jesus is not:

2. We know the truth about Jesus as the Holy Spirit:

***Ephesians 4:22-24, "...to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."***

1. As the Holy Spirit teaches us the truth as it is in Jesus:

2. As the Holy Spirit teaches us the truth as it is in Jesus:

***Ephesians 4:25-28, "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. 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."***

This is just good, practical application!

1. Don't:

2. Don't:

3. Don't:

***Ephesians 4:29-32, "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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."***

1. Our conversation is not:

2. Our conversation is to be:

3. Our conversation is to minister:

4. Our conversation is to not bring:

5. Our emotions are to be placed:

6. Our actions are to be done:

7. Our lives are to be governed:

Conclusion: