

THE CHRISTIAN'S NEW REALITIES  
(Overview of Ephesians)

OUR NEW LIFE: A Spiritual Biography

- Chapter One: What We Were - 2:1-3
  - ...we were "dead" in transgressions and sins
  - ..."by nature" - deadly wrong at the core
- Chapter Two: What God Did - 2:4-6
  - ...He loved us, He loosed us, He lifted us up
  - ...All by His doing
- Chapter Three: Why God Did It - 2:7-10
  - ..."to the praise of His glory"
  - ...we are His creation and re-creation story
- Chapter Four: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ...How He makes us Christ-possessed and Christ-expressed persons - 1:11-12

OUR NEW COMMUNITY: Sharing Life in Christ

- We learn to live by God's love - 3:17-19
  - ...union with Christ is union with one another - I Jo 1
  - ...we are "joined-heirs"; "joined-members"; "joined-partakers" - 3:6
- Community in Christ is the culture of transformation here on earth - 4:11-16
  - ...Communities of Faith: Truth sets the agenda - 4:15
  - ...Communities of Hope: Passion for what is possible - 4:15
  - ...Communities of Love: Think and choose in presence of love - 5:2

OUR NEW WALK: Worthy of the Calling

- Walk as a New Self - 4:20-24
  - ...put off the old garments of the self-focused life
  - ...put on the new garments of the Christ-focused life
- Walk in the Light - 5:8-14
  - ...the inner-stance of being honest/real - II Cor 12:9
  - ...the inner-stance of worship - 5:20
  - ...the inner-stance of love - 5:2