

IN CHRIST: "Walking in Our New Self"
Ephesians 4:17-32

Everything Given to Us in Christ Is Livable - Eph 4:1,24

- We are able to work out what God has worked in - Phil 2:12-13
- Our walk can be worthy of His work - Eph 2:10; Col 1:10

Walking in Our Newly Created Selves - Eph 4:24; Col 3:5-17

- Key thought: "Learning Christ" - Eph 4:24; Col 3:5-17
 - ...The Subject of Christianity is Christ - Jo 17:3; Phil 3:8-10; Eph 4:21; Col 2:3
 - ...We greet every moment with, "That I may know You and be an expression of Your Life" - Col 3:4
 - ...We go to Christ, we listen to Christ, we learn from Christ - Jo 5:39,40; Lk 24:27,44-45
 - ...With His Life in us, we are no longer what we once were - Eph 4:20-24
- We put off every expression of the (former) self-focused life - Eph 4:22
 - ...Examples: greed (4:19) ...lying (4:25) ...stealing (4:28) ...slander/put downs (4:29,31)
...bitterness/wrath (4:31)
 - ...the things that keep us in the dark (4:18), harden our hearts (4:18,19), render us self-serving (4:19)
(Such expressions are not "worthy" - in balance - with the life of Christ in us!) - Eph 5:3
- We put on every expression of a (new) Christ-focused life - Eph 4:24
 - ...Examples: generosity (4:28,29) ...truth-telling (4:15,25) ...honest labor (4:28) ...edification (4:29,32)
...tenderness, forgiveness (4:32)
 - ...This is life "ala Christ" - in the manner of Christ - Col 3:17; Eph 4:20
(Such expressions bring us into the light, enliven our hearts, release gracious gifts) - Eph 5:2

*Which will it be ...life in the manner of my former self? Or, life in the manner of my new self "created in righteousness and holiness of the truth"? - Eph 4:24

...Which will we be "worthy of the calling" of God on my life? - Eph 4:1