

EPHESIANS 4:30-32

Walk Renewed...Lay Aside Grieving the Holy Spirit.

THEREFORE!

- ◆ Paul, speaking to Christians at Ephesus, told them to “*lay aside the old self*” and “*be renewed*”.
- ◆ Now Paul is listing things to lay aside:
 - ◆ Falsehood.
 - ◆ Sinful anger.
 - ◆ Stealing.
 - ◆ Unwholesome words.
 - ◆ **Grieving the Spirit.**
- ◆ Each item on the list will have what to lay aside, something else to put on and why.
- ◆ Today we will lay aside grieving the Holy Spirit.

GRIEVING THE SPIRIT.

- ◆ Grieving the Spirit is caused by rebellion or sin, walking as a we did before Christ (Isaiah 63:10).
- ◆ Positional Grief - as a believer in Christ the Holy Spirit is indwelling you and witnesses all you do.
- ◆ Relational Grief - the Holy Spirit was sent as our helper and teacher (John 14:16, 26).
- ◆ Theological Grief - because the Holy Spirit knows the truth of what Christ has done, our rebellion does not match who God sees us as (see vs. 32).

SEALED.

- ◆ The Holy Spirit is your seal or promise of being redeemed from your sins.
- ◆ Redeemed - to release on payment of ransom; a release effected by payment of ransom.
 - ◆ Redeemed from slavery to the Law (Gal. 3:13).
 - ◆ Redeemed from slavery to sin (Titus 2:14).
 - ◆ Redeemed from futile living (1 Pt. 1:18-19).
 - ◆ Redeemed eternally with God (Luke 21:27-28).
- ◆ The evidences that you are sealed given in Eph. 4:25-32 and *the fruits and gifts of the Spirit*.

LAY ASIDE/PUT ON.

Lay Aside

- Bitterness.
- Wrath.
- Anger.
- Clamor.
- Slander.
- Malice.

Put On

- Be kind.
- Tenderhearted.
- Forgiveness.

◆ Key point FORGIVENESS - We are to forgive just as God in Christ forgave us (see Matthew 18:21-35).

APPLICATION.

- ◆ Are there any of the following characteristics that need to be removed from your life:
 - Bitterness.
 - Wrath.
 - Anger.
 - Clamor.
 - Slander.
 - Malice.

- ◆ Have you considered the impact your actions have on the Holy Spirit who dwells in you?