

Building Blocks for Unity

Eph. 4:25-32

The Believer's Position in Christ Series

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“Formula” from Ephesians 4: 22-24: 1) put off the old corrupt self, + 2) be renewed in the spirit of our own minds, + 3) put on the new self that God created = 4) in reflection of true righteousness and holiness.

Putting on new is not just for my own sake it is for others (v. 25c)

4:2-4 “bearing with one another” “maintain the unity” “bond of peace”

4:4-5 “one body” “one Spirit” “one hope” “one Lord, one faith, one baptism”

4:11-13 “for building up the body” “all attain to the unity”

4:15-16 “the whole body, joined and held together” “makes the body grow”
“builds itself up in love”

➤ Truth not lying (v. 25)

Noun = “falsehood”

vs. 14 – 15a “deceitful schemes” “speaking the truth”

vs. 25... “falsehood” “speak the truth”

False doctrine? (fits with v. 11-20)

Telling/ spreading [non-doctrinal] lies? (fits with v. 26-32)

➤ Sinless anger prevents Satan's advantage (v. 26)

Righteousness and anger (Jesus - Jn. 2:15, Mk. 3:5)

Dealing with anger caused by other's actions against me (Ps. 4)

“Ponder in your own heart on your bed” (Ps. 4:4), but “don't let the sun go down on your wrath” (Eph. 4:26) because, as I pray, God will “put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound” (Ps. 4:7), so that “in peace I will both lie down and sleep” (Ps. 4:8a).

Anger is a spiritual issue.

Managing anger rightly is a matter of faith. Do you trust God to replace anger with joy?

Sin from anger gains a foothold for Satan (personally & corporately)

- **Working not stealing (v. 28)**
- **Edifying words not “putrefying” talk (v. 29)**
- **Not grieving the Holy Spirit (v. 30)**
- **Kindness, tenderheartedness, forgiveness not bitterness, etc. (v. 31-32)**

