

Wardrobe Changes and the Grace of God:
Five ways we are equipped to walk in love

"...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." II Cor. 5:17

- ❖ Reminder/Summary of where we are in Ephesians
 1. Chapters 1-3 – what God has done to and for us
 2. Chapter 4:1-16 – what God is calling us to do and be (walk in unity, walk in purity)
- ❖ Qualities of the imperatives we see in Ephesians 4:24-5:2
 - Relational

 - All negatives (put off) have a corresponding positive (put on)
- ❖ How do these admonitions differ from moralism? Remember, all these are being spoken to believers who have heard and been taught in the truth of God's word and his transforming work (chapters 1-3). Review: What is outlined as true in Chapters 1-3?
- ❖ Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (work through the handout/chart in small groups)
 - Application/Reflection:
 1. Which of these areas do you identify as your greatest need of heart change? For your children?

 2. What is one step you could take toward relying on the truths of Chapters 1-3 in this area of sin and struggle?

 3. Take some time to thank God that he leads in "walking in love" and ask him to equip you to do the same this week as you live in relationship with others.

Put off	Why? Danger? Idols at play?	Examples from parenting/life	Put on	Why? Benefit?	Examples from parenting/life
1. Lying lips or falsehood (v25)	Proverbs 6:16-19 Proverbs 12:22 Jeremiah 9:7-9		1. Speak truthfully to your neighbor.	Psalm 15:1-3 Proverbs 12:17-18	
2. Sinful anger that controls us (v26)	Psalm 37:8 James 1:19-20 (see also last week)		2. Righteous anger	Matthew 18:23-35	
3. Theft/stealing (v28)	Exodus 20:1-2, 15 Leviticus 19:11-12		3. Generosity	1 Chronicles 29:14 Proverbs 11:24-26 2 Corinthians 9:6-15	