James #14

The ECS becomes your GPS

Open back up in Ephesians chapter 4.

I apologize for the slide last lesson, that was not lesson #12 – it was number 13 in the James series.

I coined a phrase here that may catch your attention but there is a great depth of truth within it.

/The GPS is known as the Global Positioning System; it is fed by satellites. It has been the key component in the navigation of our vehicles now for a well over a dozen years. It is incredibly accurate, because the satellites are looking downward on the earth and they see all routes and have all mapping technologies. I present the similar fact that the ECS (Edification Complex of the Soul), is your spiritual guidance system. It will also translate into a natural decision-making navigation system.\

Now we may chuckle at this but it is very true!

What you are building in your soul is a structure, that will give you incredible mapping and navigation skills. Skills for almost all challenges and questions of this temporal life.

/The word “edification” which is the act of erecting a structure is seen in several scriptures of the NT. The one that is found in Ephesians four, is our current study. This is the one where doctrine comes in the left hemisphere of the brain (soul) which can be used to build a structure on doctrine, a type of library — grace orientation, inner happiness, RMA, capacity to love…etc.\

It can be used once it is fully digested and stabilized in the right lobe.

The ECS truly covers all categories, meaning, the mastery of the details of life.

As we noted last lesson in Ephesians - Reaching the fullness of Christ is super-grace maturity.

It is TLJC who commissioned the gifts of Evangelism and pastor-teacher. This was for the equipping of the saints (CA), so that they each can have an opportunity for the Edification Complex to be built in the soul.

[Eph 4:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/15/s_1101015) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *that is,* Christ,

/[Eph 4:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/16/s_1101016) **from whom the whole body**, being **fitted and held together** by what **every joint supplies**, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes **the growth of the body for the building up**(*oikodomē* )of itself in love.

The Edification Complex is built upon accurate teaching, the filling power of the SPIRIT and supported by positive Bels coming together in unity.\

OIY-CON-DA-MAY (ECS)

A pastor needs a congregation to support him.

The fact is Satan has many victories in the area of Christian division and crippling accurate teaching.

It is the OSN that is tickled by large buildings and music ministries that look like rock concerts.

It is the OSN that delights in a designated type that it will recognize as a bible teacher.

It is the OSN that finds comfort in following the crowd seeking to be part of a mass movement.

It is the OSN that is attracted to warm and playful personalities, that rarely challenge it in the arena of accountability.

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Satan knows this and plays on these exact models for religion and spiritual movements in the cosmic system.

/The Christian will never develop a firm soul structure if they refuse to move away from the counterfeits in the cosmic system. Bible study under your right pastor-teacher, is the catalyst to fuel the journey toward maturity. The strength of your Edification Complex in the Soul is dependent upon accurate doctrine, the filling power of the HS coupled with consistent positive volition.\

Eph 4:17 So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their minds,

The Apostle Paul is referencing Unbels –

The Apostle Paul was the ordained apostles for the Gentiles, the majority of the congregation of Ephesus were Gentiles.

Jews in that city at that time, would have been a very small minority.

It was a Roman stronghold, a large city in modern day Turkey. The 3rd largest city for the Romans at that time.

Because being born again, meant there was no more distinctions and classes such as a Jew or Gentile.

Nor slave or free, man or woman - we all were now Royal Family in the body of Christ.

We are all new creatures IN CHRIST.

To be like a Gentile meant you were walking in the same manner you did before salvation.

/[Eph 4:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/18/s_1101018) being **darkened in their understanding,** excluded from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **hardness of their heart;**

The darkness and hardness of fallen man only grows over time. This is why it is imperative after salvation to allow the power of the HS & the WORD to build the ECS.\

[Eph 4:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/19/s_1101019) and they, having become callous, have given themselves up to indecent behavior for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

This speaks to the frantic search for happiness – this greediness was not simply monetary. It was driven sexually and from power lust.

The Romans and Greeks were very dedicated to having many gods, more power and wealth – they also indulged in a great deal of sexually, immoral practices. A large sphere of insatiable lust is this greediness.

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[Eph 4:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/20/s_1101020) But you did not learn Christ in this way,

[/Eph 4:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/21/s_1101021) **if indeed you have heard** Him and have **been taught in Him**, just as truth is in Jesus,

IF (1st class condition), these were Bels who had been taught solid doctrine. There is no excuse once you receive the accuracy of truth – the responsibility is on the Bel.\

[Eph 4:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/22/s_1101022) that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

The OSN is continually being corrupted, it is absorbing the ideologies of the Cosmic system.

It is growing in its narcissism. Which is just the natural progress of the OSN left to its own means.

/The Christian can never fully purge the soul without accurate BD. The call is for the Bel to - *rid yourselves of the old self*, the free will is in view. You can never build up the structure (ECS) needed for maturity based on your intake and experience you received as an Unbel. The OSN is nailed to the cross for eternity – the temporal life is the last dying fight of the OSN.\

Many Christians confuse this principle.

There is a difference between your position (eternal) and your condition, the daily walk in the temporal life.

Your spiritual warfare – your witness in the angelic conflict is only recognized when you go positive inside the plan of God.

When you choose God’s plan and God’s viewpoint, by walking in the NEW Nature, you then become a true combat veteran and a make a resounding statement in the angelic conflict.

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/[Eph 4:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/23/s_1101023) and that you are **to be renewed** (*ananeoō*) in the spirit of your minds,

Present tense – keep on doing this! Be consistently renewed in the spirit of your mind (soul).\

ANN-AH-NAY-O, this verb is unique and only found one time in the NT Greek – it is to make new or bring a new life into something. The spirit of the mind is what GOD the HS imputed to you at salvation.

This renewing is applicable only to the NEW Nature – it is dependent upon the filling power of God the HS.

The Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP) is the spiritual apparatus for metabolism.

Which the Apostle Paul clarifies further in the next verse;

[/Eph 4:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/24/s_1101024) and to **put on the new self**, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

This is a call into making conscious, habitual decisions to adjust to the justice of God.\

Just as you make conscious decisions to put on certain clothing – the responsibility is on the Christian.

You make a conscious decision to recognize your sins and the need for cleansing. You acknowledge a new set of norms and standards….new ideologies, a renewing of your mind.

[Eph 4:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/25/s_1101025) Therefore, ridding yourselves of falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE  *OF YOU* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because we are parts of one another.

The Apostle Paul is speaking to the RF Honor Code.

Mature Christians realize they are part of a larger body and they have respect and honor for the brethren.

The stronger your Edification Complex the greater your love and respect for the RF will become. Supporting a congregation and participating in that ministry are important for a mature Bel.

[/Eph 4:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/26/s_1101026) **BE ANGRY, AND *YET* DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Righteous indignation is the emotion of anger under control. It is an anger that is justified, yet not running rampant.\

It may mean you speak, or even act with a very aggressive posture without losing control.

/Psa 4:4 Tremble, and do not sin; Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah

Anger can become a cancer if it is not under the authority of the ECS. Anger left to burn brings mental anguish.\

Satan can feed off of anger, frustration and anxiety, just like he can feed off of apathy and many other emotions.

[Eph 4:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/27/s_1101027) and do not give the devil an opportunity.

[Eph 4:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/28/s_1101028) The one who steals must no longer steal; but rather he must labor, producing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with the one who has need.

You can not go back to who you were before salvation.

Dishonesty, short cuts and cosmic ideology must be peeled away from.

This is also a warning not to backslide in your walk with GOD.

Somethings must change – which our study in the book of James will highlight this very well.

[/Eph 4:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/29/s_1101029) **Let no unwholesome** word come out of your mouth, but if *there is* **any good *word* for edification** according to the need *of the moment, say that,* so that it will give grace to those who hear.

The corruption of the truth is an unwholesome word, which leads other Bels astray and brings division and confusion.\

In the original language it uses the term corruption not just unwholesome.

Notice the warning, the mature Bels understand this principle.

Watch what you say in reference to building up the body of Christ.

We do not want to teach others or give advice to others, that is contrary to the accuracy of the WORD;

/Eph 4:29 - *any good word for edification*

The same word used elsewhere *oikodomē,* in this chapter among other scriptures. WORDS, knowledge (BD), are the building supplies for the construction of the Edification Complex. Be careful what you speak to the brethren – pastors are held to a higher standard because of this.\

OIY-CON-DA-MAY, this noun is an architectural word in the original Greek – it is a building reference. The one we have looked at last message.

[Eph 4:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/4/30/s_1101030) Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Christian grieves the SPIRIT when they refuse to rebound back from sin.

This noun – *edification*, means the finished product, a structure of strength and comfort. This word sees the structure erected in the soul.

In our context of understanding this - the builder is Bible doctrine, enduring doctrine in the soul. Doctrine absorbed and fully metabolized by the filling power of the HS and a firm faith.

/Within Eph 4:12,16,29, the idea conveyed is progress resulting from patient effort, longsuffering or consistent endurance. It is also used of the Believer's resurrection body;

2Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, **we have a building from God, a house not made by hands**, eternal in the heavens. \

The truth of the Edification Complex of the Soul - is that when it is fully constructed the Christian is at super-grace maturity.

Meaning they are now habitually walking in their eternal position.