

## Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Read Ephesians 4:17-19

1. As we move into this section, Paul is laying out the stark reality of the Christian confession- it is God or false idols. You can't have both. Therefore, with conversion there comes an immediate need to disentanglement of the sins of the world instead of a slow progression where the Christian slowly steps away from the old, sinful self.
2. Why are the first and sixth commandments the two that are singled out in this section?
  - a. Temple of the Body
  - b. Temple to the fertility gods
3. The history of a witness or sponsor of adult baptisms and catechumens is found in the practice of giving witness to the public proof of conversion. What sorts of things in the Christian life might testify to this conversion?

Read Ephesians 4:20-24

4. Taking off and putting on the old and new self is meant to teach us about the Christian life through the use of clothing. Why do we change clothes? What sorts of things does clothing indicate to the world about who we are and what we do? How does clothing begin and end the story of salvation in Scripture?

Read Ephesians 4:25-5:2

5. Since we have been clothed with Christ, there are consequences to this new position and the way we should live our lives. How does sanctification for the life of a Christian?
6. Paul gives us a list of serial examples regarding the sanctified life. What are their commonalities? Why are they so significant?
  - a. Anger
  - b. Stealing
  - c. Corrupting talk
  - d. Grieving the Holy Spirit
7. What should we have in its place?
8. What is the goal for the Christian as they live the new life?