

# Peace is not the absence of trouble, it is the presence of God!

How can we be in the presence of God?

Isaiah 55:6

2 Corinthians 6:2

Psalm 22:3

Don't wait till the house is on fire to rearrange the furniture.

Joshua 3:5

The believer is to walk differently from the Gentiles.

Ephesians 4:17-32

- I. The believer is not to walk after the Gentiles, that is, as ungodly men. (Vs. 17-19)
  - 1) With emptiness of mind. (vs. 17)
  - 2) With dark understanding. (vs. 18)
  - 3) Alienated from God. (vs. 18)
    - a. Because they are ignorant of God.
    - b. Because hearts are hard.
  - 4) Being past feeling. (vs. 19)
  - 5) Being given over to lose moral restraint. (vs. 19)
  - 6) Indulging in all uncleanness with greediness. (vs. 19)
- II. The believer is to walk after Christ. (vs. 20)
  - 1) Reason #1: He has learned about Christ. (vs. 20)
  - 2) Reason #2: He has heard and been taught how to walk in Christ. (Vs. 20, 21)
    - a. Put off the old man. (vs. 22)
    - b. Be renewed in your mind. (vs. 23)
    - c. Put on the new man. (vs. 24)

III. The believer is to walk putting off the garments of the Old Man.

- 1) The garment of lying. (vs. 25)
  - a. The charge: put it away.
  - b. The reason: believers are one body.
- 2) The garment of anger. (Vs. 26, 27)
  - a. The charge: deal with it.
  - b. The reason: can be the devil's foothold.
- 3) The garment of stealing. (vs. 28)
  - a. The charge: work.
  - b. The reason: to help the needy.
- 4) The garment of worthless talk. (vs. 29)
  - a. The charge: speak only good.
  - b. The reason: to build up others.
- 5) The garment of being contrary. (vs. 30)
  - a. The charge: grieve not the Holy Spirit.
  - b. The reason: He seals us.
- 6) The garment of unkindness. (vs. 31)
  - a. The charge: unclothe yourself.
  - b. The reason: God forgave you.
- 7) The garment of the New Man. (vs. 32)
  - a. The charge: clothe yourself.
  - b. The reason: you are forgiven.