

The doctrine of the Church

Christ's Church populated by His people

Read: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

We are looking at the teaching of who and what the Church of Jesus Christ is. In this study we will ask how we as God's people can encourage each other as Christ's body, each having different gifts and yet working as one.

1. Paul speaks about a new way to live as Christians. What did that old way of life look like? (v17-19). **Read:** Romans 1:21-24.
2. In verses 20-22, Paul tells us we are to think about our new lives in Christ. In what way do these verses require action?
3. Paul continues with the thought of getting rid of the old man and his conduct. Why is it important to deal with sin, rebellion or as Paul puts it, lewdness, uncleanness with greediness? **Read:** Romans 6:12 / Galatians 5:13-15 / 1 John 5:1-5
4. How then are we to live as true Christians according to verses 23-24?
5. Followers of Christ learn of Christ. How does this affect what we do? (v25-28)
6. Followers of Christ learn of Christ. How does this affect what we say? (v29)
7. Followers of Christ learn of Christ. How does this affect our sensitives to the work of the Holy Spirit? (v30)
8. Finally, Paul wants to make sure we live as a new creation. How does he do that in Ephesians 4:31-5:2?