Sermon based Bible Study

*\*Based on Sermon (Ephesians 4:17-32) preached on 21 Aug 2022 @ Agape Methodist Church*

How to use this Bible Study:

1. Study can be used for personal devotion or DG setting.
2. Discussion questions are based on sermon preached on 21 August 2022 at Agape Methodist Church.
3. Where necessary, participants can refer to the recorded sermon (at AgMC’s website) for help with the questions.
4. Remember to leave enough time for the word of God to sink deep into our heart and ask God to help us do His will.

**READ:** Sermon text (Ephesians 4:17-32)

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!- 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**RELATE**

Q1: On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the most, how much do you think you have changed ever since knowing Christ? Why do you give yourself such a score?

Q2: In verse 17, why did the Apostle said that the church in Ephesus must no longer walk like the Gentiles do? Why did he say that when it is understood that the church is full of Gentiles who turned to Christ?

Q3: Look at verses 17-19, what was the condition with Gentiles who did not know Christ? Can this happen to Christians as well? Why or why not?

Q4: According to verses 20-24, what did Paul recommend for us in order to put away our “old self” and put on our “new self”?

Q5: According to verses 25-32, how does the new self or life look like especially when it comes to our behavior towards others?

Q6: With reference to Hebrews Chapter 6:1-8, what can happen to the redeemed if we continue to allow our old self to linger?

Q7: With the help of God, what is the greatest aspect of the “old self” in your life that you need to put away? What are the challenges and how can others help you in this process?

**REST**

As you close the study, give yourself to prayer or even close in a time of worship. The recommended worship song is “All I Have is Christ” by Sovereign Grace Music.

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