



“How to Imitate God”

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Ephesians 4:31-5:2

Believers in Christ are called to _____ their old lifestyle in order to _____ the new (4: 20-23)

I. Believers are to put away all _____ (4:31)

- _____ descriptions: bitterness, rage and anger
- _____ descriptions: clamor, slander and all kinds of malice

Ephesians 4:17-18 (NIV)

*So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the **hardening of their hearts**.*

II. Believers are to put on _____, _____ and _____ (4:32)

- External descriptions: _____ and _____
- Internal description: _____

III. Believers' behavior flows from _____ who first loved and transformed them (Eph 5:1-2).

Leviticus 19:2 (NIV)

Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

What we _____ about God forms _____ and _____.

Big Idea – As those saved in Christ, believers are to _____ abusive speech in order to _____ and _____.