

# *God's Grace In US*

**Ephesians 4:25-28**

**Clothes That Fit**

(Part 1)

## **Bringing the Text to Light and Life**

### **A New Wardrobe Befitting the New You!**

- The old way of life no longer fits, because Christians are no longer the people they once were.
- The gospel of grace changes the way you live because it has already changed the person you are:

*If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. (II Cor 5:17)*

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- Having laid aside the old, now put on the new
  - We change ‘from the inside out’
  - Having set aside ‘the lie’ we become truth-tellers
- Cultivate truth-telling as a habitual life-style
- Relationships require trust, and trust requires truthfulness.
  - Marriage, family, friendships, the church and society at large all depend on truth-telling

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- Angry but not sinning...
  - Not all anger is sin (see Ps 7:11; Mark 3:5 etc.)
  - Godly, righteous anger:
    - For the right reasons
    - Expressed the right way
    - Leads to positive actions

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- Don't let anger 'settle in'...
  - It must not be a fixture in your life
  - If anger has made its home in your heart then you can be sure that Christ has not
- Make no room for the enemy

**Heb 12:15** – a 'root of bitterness'

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- The pattern of true change
  - Through the work of grace within our souls in the power of the gospel, we do not simply stop with the old ways – we replace the old patterns with their new and godly opposites.

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- The pattern of true change
- Biblical understanding of work
  - Not a ‘TGIF’ necessary evil, but a positive good
  - We strive to gain more in order to give more

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