



## Exposition

- V. God's plan applied corporately 2:11-22
- VI. Expanding on the mystery: Paul's role and their benefits 3:1-13
- VII. Paul's Prayer for the New Community 3:14-21
- VIII. Proper Conduct in the Church 4:1-6:9
  - A. Walk in Unity 4:1-16
    - 1. Basis for unity 4:1-6
    - 2. Enablement for unity 4:7-16
  - B. Walk in Holiness 4:17-32
    - 1. The Changed Life—Purity 4:17-24  
Primarily individual conduct
    - 2. The Changed Life—Speech 4:25-31  
Primarily interpersonal conduct
      - a) Be honest in Relationships 4:25
        - (1) Negative Command: "having laid aside falsehood"
        - (2) Positive Command: Speak truthfully
        - (3) Positive Reason: Positional Connection
      - b) Anger without Sin 26-27
        - (1) Positive Command: "be angry" 26a
        - (2) Negative Command: "do not sin" 26b
        - (3) Reason: Two negative reasons why one must not sin in his anger—or the danger of prolonged anger
          - (a) "Don't let the sun go down on your anger"
          - (b) "don't give opportunity to the devil" 27
      - c) Don't steal, share 4:28
        - (1) Negative Command: "do not steal"
        - (2) Positive Command: "labor...with his own hands"
        - (3) Positive Reason: "to share with anyone in need"
      - d) Don't use corrupt words, but edifying words 4:29-30
        - (1) Negative Command: "let no unwholesome word come out of your mouths"
        - (2) Positive Command: Substitute—edifying words for unwholesome ones
        - (3) Positive Reason: "in order to give grace to those who hear"
        - (4) Negative Command/Reason: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God" 4:30
      - e) Do not grieve the Holy Spirit 4:31-32
        - (1) Negative Command: Avoid all kinds of anger 4:31
        - (2) Positive command: Be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving 4:32a
        - (3) Positive Reason: You have been forgiven 32b

## Application