## New Life in Christ (cont.) Ephesians 4:25-32

Intro: Having demanded true life change of those who would call themselves Christians, God here informs us of specific spheres of change that are necessary, ones which we are all too prone to overlook or excuse.

| Sins to Avoid                | Virtues to Embrace    | <u>Reasons</u>                  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. lying (v. 25)             |                       | We are members                  |
| of ONE ANOTHER.              |                       |                                 |
|                              | SPEAK THE TRUTH       |                                 |
| 2. unchecked anger (v.26)    |                       | so the devil doesn't get an     |
|                              | SELF-CONTROL          | <u>OPPORTUNITY</u>              |
| 3. stealing (v. 28)          |                       | so you can earn money and SHARE |
|                              | WORK DILIGENTLY       |                                 |
| 4. corrupt speech (v. 29)    |                       | so as to BENEFIT THE HEARER     |
|                              | SPEAK GOOD WORDS      |                                 |
| 5. bitterness (vs. 31-32)    |                       | This is how God has treated     |
| us, <mark>IN CHRIST</mark> . |                       |                                 |
| wrath                        | KINDNESS              |                                 |
| anger                        |                       |                                 |
| clamor                       | COMPASSION COMPASSION |                                 |
| slander                      |                       |                                 |
| malice                       | FORGIVENESS           |                                 |

v. 30-- Why the admonition that we not grieve the Holy Spirit?