

# Ephesians Series

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# Renewing Our Thinking Ephesians 4:17–21



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Eph. 4:20, “But you have not learned Christ in such a way,  
~RD**

**Eph. 4:21, “assuming you have heard Him and have been  
taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:**

**Eph. 4:22, “that you have already put off, concerning your  
former conduct, the old man which is constantly being  
corrupted according to the deceitful lusts,**

**Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,  
~NKJV**

**Eph. 4:24, “and that you have already put on the new man  
which was created according to God, in true righteousness  
and holiness.” ~RD**

# Reminder

1. In Ephesians we have seen that a major theme is the emphasis on a corporate reality. In doing this he has emphasized the unity of the body of Christ.

Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

Eph. 2:16, “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

# Review

**2. “We” emphasizes the joining together of Jewish and Gentile believers.**

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

# Review

**3. The problem in their experience was the lack of unity.**

**Eph. 4:31, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.**

**Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”**

# Review

In contrast to:

**Eph. 4:1, “Therefore, I, the prisoner of the Lord, strongly urge you to conduct your life in a manner worthy of the exalted position to which you were summoned, ~RD amplified**

**Eph. 4:2, “with all humility and gentleness, with longsuffering, putting up with one another in love, ~RD**

**Eph. 4:3, “being diligent to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” ~RD**

**Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off  
the old man with his deeds,” ~NKJV**

**ψεύδομαι *pseudomai***

**2 plur pres mid imperative  
to lie; be wrong; give false  
witness**

**ἀπεκδύομαι**

***apekduomai***

**aor mid part masc  
plur nom to take off;  
to disarm**

**A past tense participle precedes the action of the main verb.**



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**ἐνδύω *enduō*  
aor mid participle  
masc plur nom  
to wear, put on**

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**If this is talking about the individual, why would he say that the new man in you as an individual is neither Jew nor Greek, circumcised nor uncircumcised nor barbarian, Scythian, slave or free?**

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*διδάσκω didaskō*

**2 plur aor pass indic  
to teach, to instruct  
a verb of  
communication.  
This is the main  
verb the following  
infinitives explain.**



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mid infin**

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**ἀναστροφή *anastrophē*  
fem sing acc  
way of life, lifestyle  
“your previous,  
earlier, or former  
lifestyle or conduct”  
includes thinking and  
behavior**

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**φθείρω *phtheirō*  
pres pass part masc sing acc  
to corrupt morally; to destroy.  
Continuous present  
ongoing corruption in the  
human race, the old man.  
Passive: it receives the action  
from the deceitful lusts.**

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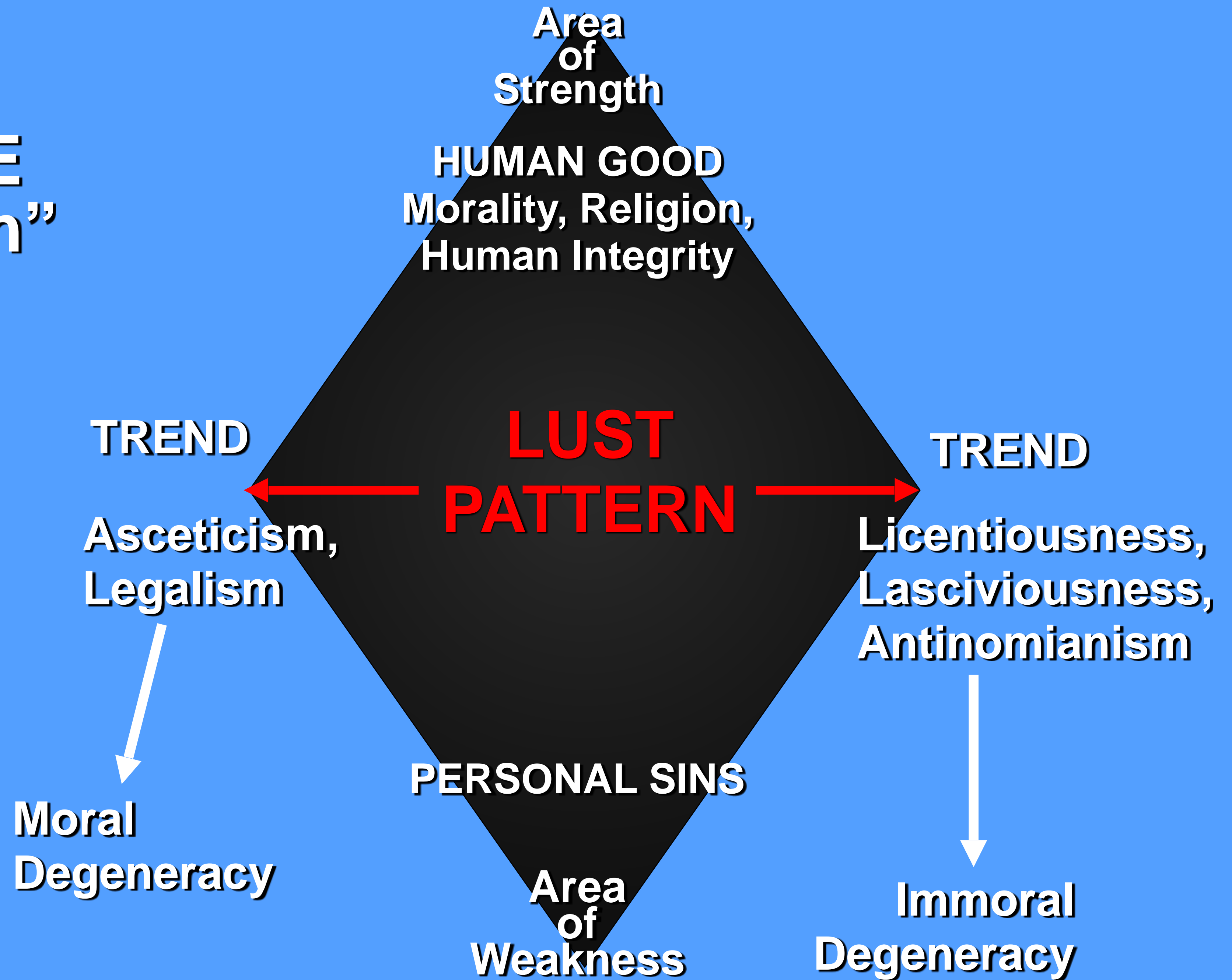
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*ἐπιθυμία epithumia*

fem plur acc

desire, lust

# THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



**Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be be dishonored among them.”**

**Rom. 6:12, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,”**



**2 Tim. 3:1, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:**

**2 Tim. 3:2, “For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

**2 Tim. 3:3, “unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,**

**2 Tim. 3:4, “traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,”**

**Heb. 13:4, “Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”**

**Col. 3:5, “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil lust, and greed, which is idolatry.”**

**Rom. 13:14, “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”**

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**Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,”**

**ἀνανεόω *ananeōō***  
**pres mid infin**  
**to renew**

**Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may demonstrate that the will of God is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

*ἀνακαίνωσις anakainōsis*  
fem sing dat  
renewal, renovation