



## From the Hypocrisy of Religion to the Truth of Christianity

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Ephesians 4:20-30 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not *grieve* the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Jesus has called us to live a NEW LIFE and that means to completely abandon the old things we used to do and believe. We must understand that the gospel doesn't have the function of "*putting on make up*", but rather to bring a total transformation from the inside out in those who surrender themselves into this wonderful process of recreation made by Power of the Holy Spirit.

- **MAKEUP:** "*Cosmetics applied to the face to improve or change your appearance*"

That is what religion does. It works only in the superficial, improving the appearance, not actually going deeper and consequently not being authentic.

Little Story: There was a man who was suffering from deep depression. Under that sadness He began to go to specialists trying to solve his problem. After going to many psychologists, psychoanalysts, doing lots of sessions of therapy and having no success, the last specialist said to him: We have all done for you everything that science taught us to do and we have had no success – you are still in sadness and depression. Therefore, my last advice to you is for you to go to the circus that is set in our city. There is a clown there who is able to make everyone laugh, feeling really happy; go there and you will surely feel better.

Then that man said to the doctor: "*Doctor, you are not understanding. I work for that circus and I'm the clown!*"

Let's see what Paul says about the real-life transformation process.

1. Once you meet Jesus, remove the old man
2. Renew in the spirit of your mind by God's Perspective
3. Put on the NEW MAN created in true righteousness and holiness

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What does it mean in a practical way?

Therefore...

- **Be Authentic, not led by fake standards**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

- **Don't let the Anger control you**

<sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

- **Be trustful and reliable**

<sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

- **Don't waist your time saying bad and foolish things**

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- **Pleasing the Holy Spirit, instead of quenching Him** \*(1The 5:19)

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\*1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NKJV) – "Do not quench the Spirit."

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