

Ephesians 4:23-32

Ephesians 4:23 – “and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds”

365 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	4151 [e]	3588 [e]	3563 [e]	4771 [e]
ananeousthai	de	tō	pneumati	tou	noos	hymōn
23 ἀνανεοῦσθαι	δὲ	τῷ	πνεύματι	τοῦ	νοῦς	ὑμῶν ,
to be renewed	then	in the	spirit	of the	mind	of you
V-PNM/P	Conj	Art-DNS	N-DNS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G2P

- Between:
 - 4:22 – put off the old self, and
 - 4:24 – put on the new self is
 - 4:23 – “be renewed in the spirit of your minds”
- 4:22 and 4:24 (“put off the old” and “put on the new”) are aorist infinitives which speak of complete and a whole process. But, 4:23, “be renewed in the spirit of your minds” is present infinitive which speaks of an ongoing process.
- This is a contrasting POSITIVE statement about the believer who formerly was an unbeliever in a continuous state of undoing or **progressive deterioration**.
- The believer is now in a state of **perpetual renewal/renovation** of the MIND and SPIRIT, or literally “in the spirit of your minds”, which is speaking about the SOUL and the second phase of salvation...the present sanctification, the renewal of the mind
- “to be made new” – *ananeousthai* – refers to **restoration back** to the image of God or **recreation into** the image of God
- This is the reorientation of their world view as the NIV says, “to be made new in the attitude of your minds.”
- Romans 12:2 – “Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 – “from one degree of glory to another”
- 2 Corinthians 4:16 – the inner man is being continually renewed day by day
- Paul’s use of the phrase “the spirit of your mind” is not found anywhere else in ancient Greek literature or in the NT.
 - Some would say “the spirit” is the Holy Spirit doing work in your mind. This is supported by the fact that:
 - when spirit is mentioned in Ephesians it is talking about the Holy Spirit. (1:17;3:16; 4:3; 5:18; 6:18)
 - This chapter begins talking about the unity of the Spirit (4:3)
 - But, this is clearly saying “the spirit of YOUR minds” which would not be “the Holy Spirit of your minds” and Paul is clearly not saying “renew your mind by the Holy Spirit”.
 - “the spirit of your mind” is likely a reference to the inmost part of the man...the soul. The mind, the spirit, the soul are interlinked and can be impacted with information or teaching. The information received could be true or it could be false. But, the information received by the mind will have an impact on the soul and the spirit.
 - The renewing work in the human mind/soul/spirit is done by the Holy Spirit (God) using the Word (Truth):
 - Ephesians 5:26 – “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word”

- ii. Titus 3:5 – “by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” (read 3:3-7)
- iii. John 15:3 – “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.”
- iv. John 17:17 – “Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.”
- v. 2 Corinthians 3:18 – “we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”
- vi. 2 Corinthians 4:16 – “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

Ephesians 4:24 – “and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

2532 [e]	1746 [e]	3588 [e]	2537 [e]	444 [e]	3588 [e]	2596 [e]	2316 [e]	
kai	endysasthai	ton	kainon	anthrōpon	ton	kata	Theon	
24 καὶ	ἐνδύσασθαι	τὸν	καινὸν	ἄνθρωπον	,	τὸν	κατὰ	Θεὸν
and	to have put on	the	new	man	-	according to	God	
Conj	V-ANM	Art-AMS	Adj-AMS	N-AMS	Art-AMS	Prep	N-AMS	

2936 [e]	1722 [e]	1343 [e]	2532 [e]	3742 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]
ktisthenta	en	dikaiosynē	kai	hosiotēti	tēs	alētheias
κτισθέντα	ἐν	δικαιοσύνη	καὶ	ὁσιότητι	τῆς	ἀληθείας
having been created	in	righteousness	and	holiness	-	of truth
V-APP-AMS	Prep	N-DFS	Conj	N-DFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS

1. “kai”, translated “and” or “therefore” connects the principle of the knowledge and the renewed mind with the application which is practice and production of the god-kind of life.
2. “put on” indicates that the changes made by God need to be implemented by the believer. There is a combination of the work of the Lord with the work of the believer. God has done his work and the believer has learned the truth revealed by the Holy Spirit, NOW the believer must begin to choose to live in this power (while being empowered to do so by the Holy Spirit).
3. The born again person is NOT to go spiritually limp and expect God to put up with their personal tendencies and sins. This verse does not teach “GOD WILL PUT UP WITH”, but instead teaches “YOU MUST PUT ON the righteousness and holiness of TRUTH”
4. The born again person is now created to be like God in righteousness and holiness.
 - a. “created” is passive which means God created the NEW man
 - b. The new man is created as a model of God character himself (All God’s works are perfect – Psalm 145:17; Rev. 16:5; Deut. 32:4)
 - c. “according to God” means the new man is created like God with the intention of the old man coming in line with the newly created man.
 - d. The work is done (phase one), but yet, the work has just started (phase two) for the newly born again man.
5. “of Truth” indicates the source of this new creation and the direction of the target. The creation, the righteousness, the holiness, even God himself, is a revelation and empowerment “of Truth”

THE SPECIFIC GOALS of PHASE TWO: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

1. Put away falsehood
2. Speak truth
3. Be angry and do not sin
 - a. resolve issues that create anger
 - b. do not let Satan use the rebellion of the cosmos to draw you into his system!
4. Do not steal
5. Work
 - a. Honest work (means “to work with effort, to labor, to grow weary”)
 - b. Productive
 - c. Give and Share with those in need
 - i. Those "in need" ARE NOT those who will not labor, honest work, productive work, or will not help the needy themselves. These type of people are to be left to starve as Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 3:10
 - ii. The readers have already been told repeatedly to not be deceived and there are men constantly presenting the readers with deceitful schemes. These ARE NOT the needy. These are the deceitful. You have no mandate to help these people. Later Paul tells them to expose them. Ephesians 5:11 – “Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.”
6. No corrupt talk (“corrupt” means “rank, foul, putrid, rotten, worthless, disgusting”)
7. Say what is good:
 - a. for building up
 - b. fits the occasion, that it may
 - c. give grace to those who hear – “grace” as is used here with this verb means “to confer a favor, to give pleasure or profit.” Indicating that your words will be a benefit to those who are listening.
8. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit who is ultimately taking you to the completion of you salvation (phase three: physical resurrection and glorification for eternity)
9. Put away (“be put away from you”):
 - a. bitterness – “a fretted and irritable state of mind that keeps a man in perpetual animosity”. It “inclines him to harsh and uncharitable opinions of men and things” making him sour, crabby and repulsive.
 - b. wrath –
 - c. anger -
 - d. clamor – outcry, shouting in strife. An outward manifestation of the inner wrath and anger.
 - e. slander – speaking evil of someone. Another outward manifestation of the inner wrath and anger
 - f. malice – meaning badness speaking generally of the badheartedness which is the root of this list of bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander.
10. Be:
 - a. kind to one another,
 - b. tenderhearted,
 - c. forgiving one another

(Definitions above from “The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament” by Rogers and Rogers)

Ephesians 4:25 – “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

1352 [e]	659 [e]	3588 [e]	5579 [e]	2980 [e]	225 [e]	1538 [e]	3326 [e]
Dio	apothemenoi	to	pseudos	laleite	alētheian	hekastos	meta
25 Διὸ	ἀποθέμενοι	τὸ	ψεῦδος	, λαλεῖτε	ἀλήθειαν	ἕκαστος	μετὰ
Therefore	having put off	-	falsehood	let speak	truth	each one	with
Conj	V-APM-NMP	Art-ANS	N-ANS	V-PMA-2P	N-AFS	Adj-NMS	Prep

3588 [e]	4139 [e]	846 [e]	3754 [e]	1510 [e]	240 [e]	3196 [e]
του	plēsion	autou	hoti	esmen	allēlōn	melē
τοῦ	πλησίον	αὐτοῦ	, ὅτι	ἐσμὲν	ἀλλήλων	μέλη .
the	neighbor	of him	because	we are	of one another	members
Art-GMS	Adv	PPro-GM3S	Conj	V-PIA-1P	RecPro-GMP	N-NNP

Ephesians 4:26 – “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

3710 [e]	2532 [e]	3361 [e]	264 [e]	3588 [e]	2246 [e]	3361 [e]	1931 [e]
Orgizesthe	kai	mē	hamartanete	ho	hēlios	mē	epidyetō
26 Ὀργίσεσθε	, καὶ	μὴ	ἁμαρτάνετε	. ὁ	ἥλιος	μὴ	ἐπιδυέτω
Be angry	and yet	not	sin	The	sun	not	let set
V-PMM/P-2P	Conj	Adv	V-PMA-2P	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Adv	V-PMA-3S

1909 [e]	3588 [e]	3950 [e]	4771 [e]
epi	tō	parorgismō	hymōn
ἐπὶ	[τῷ]	παροργισμῷ	ὑμῶν ;
upon	-	anger	of you
Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-G2P

Ephesians 4:27 – “and give no opportunity to the devil.

3366 [e]	1325 [e]	5117 [e]	3588 [e]	1228 [e]
mēde	didote	topon	tō	diabolō
27 μηδὲ	δίδοτε	τόπον	τῷ	διαβόλῳ .
neither	give	opportunity	to the	devil
Conj	V-PMA-2P	N-AMS	Art-DMS	Adj-DMS

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

3588 [e]	2813 [e]	3371 [e]	2813 [e]	3123 [e]	1161 [e]	2872 [e]
Ho	kleptōn	mēketi	kleptetō	mallon	de	kopiatō
28 Ὁ	κλέπτων ,	μηκέτι	κλεπτέτω ;	μᾶλλον	δὲ	κοπιᾶτω ,
The [one]	stealing	no longer	let him steal	rather	however	let him toil
Art-NMS	V-PPA-NMS	Adv	V-PMA-3S	Adv	Conj	V-PMA-3S

2038 [e]	3588 [e]	2398 [e]	5495 [e]	3588 [e]	18 [e]	2443 [e]	2192 [e]
ergazomenos	tais	idiaiis	chersin	to	agathon	hina	echē
ἐργαζόμενος	ταῖς	ἰδίαις	χερσίν	τὸ	ἀγαθόν ,	ἵνα	ἔχη
working	with the	own	hands	what	[is] good	so that	he may have [something]
V-PPM/P-NMS	Art-DFP	Adj-DFP	N-DFP	Art-ANS	Adj-ANS	Conj	V-PSA-3S

3330 [e]	3588 [e]	5532 [e]	2192 [e]
metadidonai	tō	chreian	echonti
μεταδιδόναι	τῷ	χρεῖαν	ἔχοντι .
to impart	to the [one]	need	having
V-PNA	Art-DMS	N-AFS	V-PPA-DMS

Ephesians 4:29 – “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who

hear.

3956 [e]	3056 [e]	4550 [e]	1537 [e]	3588 [e]	4750 [e]	4771 [e]	3361 [e]	
Pas	logos	sapros	ek	tou	stomatos	hymōn	mē	
29	Πᾶς	λόγος	σαπρὸς	ἐκ	τοῦ	στόματος	ὑμῶν	μὴ
Any	word	unwholesome	out of	the	mouth	of you	not	
Adj-NMS	N-NMS	Adj-NMS	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS	PPro-G2P	Adv	

1607 [e]	235 [e]	1487 [e]	5100 [e]	18 [e]	4314 [e]	3619 [e]	3588 [e]	5532 [e]
ekporeuesthō	alla	ei	tis	agathos	pros	oikodomēn	tēs	chreias
ἐκπορευέσθω ,	ἀλλὰ	εἴ	τις	ἀγαθὸς	πρὸς	οἰκοδομὴν	τῆς	χρείας ,
let go forth	but	if	any	good	for	edification	of the	need
V-PMM/P-3S	Conj	Conj	IPro-NMS	Adj-NMS	Prep	N-AFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS

2443 [e]	1325 [e]	5485 [e]	3588 [e]	191 [e]
hina	dō	charin	tois	akouousin
ἵνα	δῶ	χάριν	τοῖς	ἀκούουσιν .
so that	it may give	grace	to those	hearing
Conj	V-ASA-3S	N-AFS	Art-DMP	V-PPA-DMP

Ephesians 4:30 – “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2532 [e]	3361 [e]	3076 [e]	3588 [e]	4151 [e]	3588 [e]	40 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	
Kai	mē	lypeite	to	Pneuma	to	Hagion	tou	Theou	en	
30	Καὶ	μὴ	λυπεῖτε	τὸ	Πνεῦμα	τὸ	Ἅγιον	τοῦ	Θεοῦ ,	ἐν
And	not	grieve	the	Spirit	-	Holy	-	of God	in	
Conj	Adv	V-PMA-2P	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-ANS	Adj-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	

3739 [e]	4972 [e]	1519 [e]	2250 [e]	629 [e]
hō	esphragisthēte	eis	hēmeran	apolytrōseōs
ᾧ	ἐσφραγίσθητε	εἰς	ἡμέραν	ἀπολυτρώσεως .
whom	you were sealed	for	[the] day	of redemption
RelPro-DNS	V-AIP-2P	Prep	N-AFS	N-GFS

Ephesians 4:31 – “Let all **bitterness** and **wrath** and **anger** and **clamor** and **slander** be put away from you, along with all **malice**.

3956 [e]	4088 [e]	2532 [e]	2372 [e]	2532 [e]	3709 [e]	2532 [e]	2906 [e]	2532 [e]	
Pasa	pikria	kai	thymos	kai	orgē	kai	kraugē	kai	
31	Πᾶσα	πικρία	, καὶ	θυμὸς	, καὶ	ὀργή	, καὶ	κραυγὴ	, καὶ
All	bitterness	and	rage	and	anger	and	clamor	and	
Adj-NFS	N-NFS	Conj	N-NMS	Conj	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	Conj	

988 [e]	142 [e]	575 [e]	4771 [e]	4862 [e]	3956 [e]	2549 [e]	
blasphēmia	arthētō	aph'	hymōn	syn	pasē	kakia	
βλασφημία	, ἀρθήτω	ἀφ'	ὑμῶν	, σὺν	πάσῃ	κακία	.
slander	let be removed	from	you	along with	all	malice	
N-NFS	V-AMP-3S	Prep	PPro-G2P	Prep	Adj-DFS	N-DFS	

Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1096 [e]	1161 [e]	1519 [e]	240 [e]	5543 [e]	2155 [e]	5483 [e]	
ginesthe	de	eis	allēlous	chrēstōi	eusplanchnoi	charizomenoi	
32	γίνεσθε	δὲ	εἰς	ἀλλήλους	χρηστοί	, εὐσπλαγχοι	, χαριζόμενοι
Be	now	to	one another	kind	tender-hearted	forgiving	
V-PMM/P-2P	Conj	Prep	RecPro-AMP	Adj-NMP	Adj-NMP	V-PPM/P-NMP	

1438 [e]	2531 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	5547 [e]	5483 [e]	4771 [e]	
heautois	kathōs	kai	ho	Theos	en	Christō	echarisato	hymīn	
ἑαυτοῖς	, καθὼς	καὶ	ὁ	Θεὸς	ἐν	Χριστῷ	ἐχαρίσατο	ὑμῖν	.
each other	as	also	-	God	in	Christ	forgave	you	
RefPro-DM3P	Adv	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Prep	N-DMS	V-AIM-3S	PPro-D2P	