

# A Different Way to Walk

Ephesians 4:1




# Ephesus

- **The culture of Ephesus was similar to our culture today:**
  - They had a tendency to like sinful practices.
  - They were materialistic.
  - They had sexual practices that left nothing to the imagination.
- **The people were hungry for something more than what their money could buy.**
- **As they changed their ways, their numbers began to grow.**
- **The economic core of the city was threatened because so many people came to Christ and began changing their way of living,**

# Paul

- Paul may have been in prison when he wrote this letter.
- Paul was always careful to remind us that we are saved by grace, and by no other means.
- Paul discovered that through his faith in Christ he could better control his thoughts, his lusts, his anxiety, his anger, and his feelings of guilt.
- Through knowing Christ, Paul found a freedom that allowed him to *sing* while he was in prison.

# Our Walk

- The way we walk is easily seen in the way we treat other people.
  - We are to walk in:
    - Humility
    - Gentleness
    - Patience
    - Acceptance
    - Loving people
    - Keeping peace
  - When a church is filled with servant leaders, miracles happen.
  - The only way a church has harmony is when its members are willing to play second fiddle.
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# Conclusion

- The choice of how you live is completely up to you.
- Walking in a way that honors Christ is not a major decision but a lifetime of *minor* decisions.
- Begin your walk today, one little step at a time, and you will walk in a brand-new way in a brand-new year.

