EPHESIANS 4; November 2; Put Off Old; Put On New Man

## ANALYSIS:

1. What 5 characteristics should we demonstrate as we walk in the vocation wherewith we are called? \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What gifts did Jesus Christ give unto men when he ascended up on high? \_\_\_\_\_

3. For what three purposes are pastors and teachers given to the church? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What corruption are we to put off in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_\_ And what righteousness should we put on? \_\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is one reason stated in this chapter we are to labor and work with our hands? \_\_\_\_\_\_

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This fourth chapter of Ephesians ends with this challenging verse, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Our forgiveness toward others in the body of Christ should be patterned after the forgiveness that God has shown us through Christ. First, remember that God has forgiven us all our sins through Christ, sins which we rebelliously sinned against his holy law. Then, remember that God has forgiven us over and over, many times for the same sins that we have willfully committed against him. What marvelous forgiveness we have received from God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

With God's forgiveness to us through Christ clearly before our eyes, we should be very willing to forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ easily and completely. Is this how we forgive those who offend or trespass against us? Do we always forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ as quickly and fully as God has forgiven us? We better because God is watching! If we fail to forgive others, God will withhold forgiveness from us (Matt 18:35).

HELP:

1. Lowliness, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, unity (vv 2-3).

2. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (v 11).

3. "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (v 12).

- 4. The old man; the new man (vv 22-24).
- 5. That we may have to give to him that needeth (v 28).