



Sermon Series: Ephesians: Together in Christ  
Text: Ephesians 4:17-32  
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## The Gap In Our Gospel

**Big Idea:** *The gospel is meant to impact the way we live in the present.*

**Why the Gap Exists:** We \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. (vs. 17-24)

1. We forget we are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
2. We forget that we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in our lives.
3. We forget we are called to a \_\_\_\_\_ of life in Christ.
4. We forget God is \_\_\_\_\_ to renew us.

**Filling in the Gap:** \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of the gospel in your life. (vs. 25-32)

1. We seek to live \_\_\_\_\_ to our identity in Christ.
2. We seek to work out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel in our lives.

**The Gospel Is Good News for the Present:** When we \_\_\_\_\_, we fall back on \_\_\_\_\_.

Try to answer the question, "What impact did the gospel have on your life in the past week?" Is that an easy question to answer or a difficult question to answer? Why?

Why do you think it's often easier for us to understand what the gospel means for our past and future than it is for us to understand what it means for our present?

Of the four truths given that we might forget, which one are you most prone to forget?



*Who is someone you know that you that you've seen imitate Christ well in their life? What is it about their life that has stuck out to you? Consider sharing with that person this week how you've seen them imitate Christ.*

*Why is it good news to know that God is working in the mundane moments of our lives to help renew us and make us more like Christ? Why is that also challenging?*

*Think of some area in your life that you often struggle with? What would it look like to bring the truth of who you are in Christ to bear on that struggle?*

*What is a challenge you regularly deal with in your life (at work, as a parent, in a friendship, in your marriage, at school)? What would it look like to work out the implications of the gospel in how you respond to that challenge?*

*Why is what gospel good news for your present life?*

**Further Resources:**

- ["The Nowism of the Gospel" – Desiring God](#)
- ["How People Change" by Paul Tripp and Tim Lane](#)