



“The Christian Character” – Part I
Ephesians 4:25-32

Intro:

There are things, specific things, that as believers we need to take off... and there are things that we need to put on in their place.

Christianity involves more than a system of belief.

Those who have really been regenerated are easy to identify, because they walk a different walk.

New creatures act like new creatures.

When His spark of divine energy gives us life, and we become that person with the new nature, the day I received Christ as my Savior, it marked for me the beginning of a life of changes.

A person who has the new nature, one of the evidences is that he/she is continually changing.

- This true, true... if I remain sensitive to the Spirit, I will be continuing, my whole life, *stripping off the old, stripping off the old, and putting on the new, putting on the new.*
- The first sign of life for the one who is truly born of God is this...

I. He exchanges lying for telling the truth:

Verse 25 “Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”

“**Falsehood**” = In a broad sense, *whatever is not what it seems to be.*

Even as a believer, I have a choice... I can either strip it off, or I can continue to walk around looking like I'm dead.

- We all lie in many ways – *that's the truth.*

A fabrication:

By shading the truth:

Through exaggeration:

By cheating:

Sitting in silence when the truth needs to be told – is lying.

- Telling, speaking the truth makes me deal with what is true.

Application: Let's start with a question... Why is this so important?