**SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

We began our topic of “How we relate to others” by studying Ephesians 4:1 – 3. At our last meetings we noted how Paul writes to maintain the unity of the Spirit, we are called to bear with one another in love. Paul indicates this takes humility, gentleness, patience, and love on our part. God is calling us to do this.

In my ESV translation, chapter 4 is titled, “Unity in the body of Christ”. I encourage you to pay attention to things like this. The committee that created the ESV translation did not pick the title on a whim. To the best of their knowledge they chose it to help the reader better understand God’s word as it is meant to be…in the correct context. I use the titles to help me understand the context in which the verses are to be interpreted. Keep this in mind as you read this chapter. This paragraph is written to believers and geared to make sure we understand God’s desire for the body of Christ to be unified.

For the February 11th assignment we will look at Ephesians 4:17 – 32. Paul brings in another group of people, the Gentiles. I find it effective in helping me understand the behaviors which God finds wicked and the behaviors God finds pleasing. Don’t be surprised if some of your actions still fall within what Paul condemns as Gentile actions. Take Paul’s warning, and use God’s word stay on the narrow path to God’s kingdom.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. My ESV Bible titles verses 17 – 32, “The New Life”. Paul tells the believers not to walk any longer as the Gentiles do.

- There are many behaviors which Paul condemns as a Gentile lifestyle. List 3 or 4 of these Gentile ways of life.

2. Once we accept Jesus as our savior, we still sin. We are a work in progress… this is called sanctification.

Read this verse from Hebrews 12:1: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us…”

- Share one sin which God helped you lay aside after you became a Christian.

3. Paul says we are to live a New Life as Christians and lists many things which will help us to lead such a life.

- Of all the things which Paul chronicles, share 3 or 4 which God brought to your attention.