

Well Prepared for a New Kind of Anger (Part 1)

Ephesians 4:26-27

Sunday, May 9, 2010

INTRODUCTION:

The gospel's identity exchange (4:20-24) well prepares you to be angry (with these three qualifications on your anger):

- 1. Do not let "new man anger" degenerate into sin, 4:26b.***
- 2. Do not allow irritation time to develop, 4:26c.***
- 3. Do not give the devil any opportunity with "new man anger," 4:27.***

We need to accomplish some other things first. . .

I. In the NT, what does "be angry" (and "anger," 4:31) usually mean for us?

II. Then, in what sense is Paul using the command, "be angry?"

III. Is this command "to be angry and not sin" very realistic?

IV. The qualifications on the command to be angry (Eph 4:26-27).

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APPLICATION (Mostly next week):

Be angry with sin (your own sin first).