

THEREFORE

New Life



a study on Ephesians

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!

Ephesians 4:17-24

²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,
²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,
²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24

V. 1 FUTILE TO FRUITFUL

- **“Futility of mind” – Pointless or meaningless**
- **As a Christian – You have purpose (v.1-16)**
- **Freedom found only in God to live how HE made you to live!**
- **Bearing His fruit!**

V.2-3 OLD WAY

- **Darkened understanding**
- **Life of loneliness –**
 - **Lack of understanding & hard heart**
- **Callous**
- **Greedy**
- **Practice Impurity**

V. 20 – LEARNED FROM CHRIST

- 1 **“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.**
- 2 **“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.**
- 3 **But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”**

V. 21-24 – PUT OFF THE OLD PUT ON THE NEW

“Three steps” to change...

1) PUT OFF THE OLD

- **Romans 6:6 (Crucified with Christ)**

2) RENEW YOUR MIND

- **Romans 12:2**
(Transformed by the renewal of your mind)

3) PUT ON THE NEW

- **Holiness – Set apart – dedicated to God**
- **Righteousness – living in right relationship**

JESUS PRAYS FOR THIS CHANGE!

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:14-17

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**“It is not well for a
man to pray cream
and live skim milk.”**

- Henry Ward Beecher

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