

## **Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human**

### **Part 17- A New Way To Live**

Ephesians 4:17-24- *“Now this I say & testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 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. They have become callous & have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!-- assuming that you have heard about him & were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life & is corrupt through deceitful desires, & to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, & to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness & holiness.”*

**We Are Don't know how to do this either**

**2. We Are Commanded To Change Our Lifestyles:**

**3. The Truth Is That What We Do Comes From Who We Are:**

**4. Because Of Jesus, We Are Not Who We Used To Be**

**5. Remember The Futility Of Life W/out God:**

**Our Understanding Was Darkened:**

**We Were Alienated From The Life Of God B/c Of Ignorance**

**We Were Hardhearted:**

**We Lived A Calloused Life Of Impurity**

Matthew 7:17- “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.”

**6. When We Meet The Real Jesus, He Commands Us To Change:**

**7. We Change Because He First Changed Us:**

**No Longer Futile, But We Have Been Transformed:**

**No Longer Darkened, But Are Shown Marvelous Light**

*1 Peter 2:9-10 in mercy, we were called out of darkness by Jesus & brought into His Marvelous Light*

**No Longer Alienated From God, But Are Now Family:**

*1 John 3:1a- "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; & so we are"*

**No Longer Hardhearted, But Are Now Soft-hearted:**

*Ezekiel 36:26- "And I will give you a new heart, & a new spirit I will put w/in you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh & give you a heart of flesh."*

**No Longer Calloused, But Can Feel Conviction:**

*Titus 3:4-8- The devotion to good works aren't what saved us, not by any stretch of our imaginations, but they are what flow from the "goodness & loving kindness of our merciful Savior*

**We Will Learn How To Put Off The Old Self**

**We Will Have Our Minds Renewed**

**We Will Learn How To Put On The New Self:**

**Jesus Was Made To Be Sin So That We Could Be Righteous**

*Genesis 1:26- "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."*

*2 Cor 5:21- "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*