

# Ephesians 4:17-24

## *Living in Light of Our New Identity*

- > How are lost people described in [verses 17-19](#)? They walk in the futility of their mind (futile=not producing anything worthwhile), are spiritually blind, have hardened hearts, impure in actions/lusts.
- > What are we told to do in order to be characterized by the new creation that we are ([vv. 22-24](#))? Put off the old self with its lusts, be renewed in your mind (thinking), put on the new man.
- > What is the meaning and significance of the terms “old self” and “new self”? They describe us before salvation (old) and after salvation (new). They show the drastic change that has happened.
- > Who are we to look to in order to continually experience the reality of this change in our lives? Why? Christ! He has demonstrated and taught us how to live godly lives.

## *Application*

As believers, we have a new identity! We are no longer characterized by spiritual ignorance and separation from God. In Christ our identity is created by God for holiness.

- > What can we learn from this passage about the reason a believer may still pursue fleshly desires? We can choose to live like our old selves, failing to look to Christ/renew our thinking.
- > Explain how we can renew our minds and why it is important. By embracing a correct view of life based on what Christ says, not what society says. It is the only way we can live holy lives.

A new identity leads to a new way of living. We must willingly subject our desires to God and live a life that reflects the identity we have in Christ. What areas of your life still look more like the “old” you? How must you renew your thinking and live as the new person God has made you to be?