

A Different Walk – Ephesians 4:17-19



Introduction – A Changed Life

Words: application, conforming, discipline, doctrine, fit, flesh, inwardly, worthy

When a person becomes a Christian, they become completely changed _____.

At the point of salvation, we are made _____ for heaven.

The only part of us not changed is our _____, where sin resides.

It is this flesh that we struggle with and need to _____.

Chapters 4-6 are about _____ the outward man to correspond with the inner man.

Ephesians 4:1 makes a clear change from _____ to _____: walk in a _____ manner.

1) A Call to a Different Life (vs17a)

Words: account, authority, different, lifestyle, mature, neglect

Christ has given the church gifts to _____ us, so that the body may grow.

In order for this to happen we need to live a _____ life.

Paul is so serious about this that he asserts his _____.

If they _____ his instructions, they will give an _____ to the Lord.

“No longer to walk as the Gentiles walk” refers to our _____, conduct, and behavior.

2) The Inner Corruption of the Old Life (vs17b-18)

Words: blind, bondage, fellowship, hardness, ignorance, past, regression, selfishness, spiritual, truth, unable, vain

Paul explains why we must not live like the unbeliever. He gives 3 Characteristics of the unbeliever’s lifestyle.

A) Futility of their mind

“Futile” means _____, empty, worthless, resultless, and speaks of want of attainment.

The “mind” is not only intellectual, but recognises moral good and _____ truth.

The unbeliever’s life is consumed with _____ and nothing of real value.

Their minds are not able to reach spiritual _____ or light.

B) Darkened in their understanding

“Darkened” means _____ in their understanding. Perfect tense – Completed in the _____ with present results.

They are _____ to see the truth of the gospel, and their minds and wills are in _____ to sin.

C) Excluded from the life of God

Paul shows a progression, or rather a _____.

They are shut out from _____ and intimacy with God.

Paul gives two reasons for their exclusion: _____ of divine things and _____ of heart.

3) The Outward Expression of the Old Life (vs19)

Words: activity, celebrated, conscience, cross, deny, given, numb, praised, responsible, devil, sexual

“Callous” means unable to feel pain; they are morally _____. This includes the _____.

Paul says they have _____ themselves over; they are _____.

In the rest of the verse, _____ sin increases along with a lusting for every debased _____ or thought.

This is what we see today: sin is _____ and _____, especially sexual sin.

This is the result of a mind devoid of Christ, darkened and manipulated by the _____.

Christ has called us to follow Him, to _____ ourselves, and take up our _____.