

Christ in You

Ephesians series: Part 7

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OLD VS NEW: Ephesians 4:17-24

Non-Believers

- Position: Apart from Christ or “far from God”- closed minded & hard hearted towards God
- Production , no sense of shame, live for self, pleasure, and a sinful lifestyle

Believers

- Position: Christ IN you
- Production: a new way of living that reflects the ultimate reality Christ in you

Instruction: throw off your old life, be renewed in your mind, & put on you new life in Christ

- Following Christ means an entirely new way of life

Key: Learn Christ, be well instructed in truth, embrace Christ within you, live in union with Christ

- Allow Holy Spirit to change your thoughts and attitudes
- Renewed from the inside: Whatever’s in you, will come out of you

Goal: Christ’s character reproduced in you - Christ in you

| Scripture | Old way of living | New way of living | Reasons |
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| Ephesians 4:25 | • dishonesty and lying | • speak truth | • we all belong to one another |
| Ephesians 4:26-27 | • your emotions control you & lead to sin | • emotions are submitted to Holy Spirit | • opens the door to the enemy to manipulate you into sinning |
| Ephesians 4:28 | • steal | • hard working | • to bless and be generous |
| Ephesians 4:29 | • ugly, hateful, harmful words | • speak words of grace | • to encourage, build up, & help each other |
| Ephesians 4:31-32 | • bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, insults | • be kind, loving, compassionate & forgive | • You have been graciously forgiven by God through Christ |

Be Influenced by Holy Spirit & Christ in you: Ephesians 4:30

- It’s a process - until you experience your full salvation
- The Holy Spirit is in you and has the ability to influence you in the way you live
- But must walk with Him, yield to Him, choose to follow Him

Imitate God, your Father & Follow the example of Christ: Ephesians 5:1-2

- Children imitate their parents
- God wants you to imitate Him so others will be drawn to Him by the sweet fragrance of your life
- Christ surrendered His life for you and it pleased His Father
- Likewise, surrender your life and way of living to the extravagant love of Christ & be a pleasing aroma of adoration to God the Father