

# Out With The Old -- In With The New

## Ephesians 4:17-24

### Introduction

### I Out With The Old

- A. Lost in \_\_\_\_\_ thinking - Rom 1:21-23; 1 Pet 1:18; Eph 2:23
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in their understanding
    - a. Spiritually blind - 2 Cor 4:4; Rom 8:6-7
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ from the life of God - Eph 2:12
    - a. The result of ignorance
    - b. The result of hardened hearts - Heb 3:13
- B. Devoid of \_\_\_\_\_ sensitivity
  - 1. Immersed in sensuality
    - a. Indulging in every kind of \_\_\_\_\_ - Col 3:5
    - b. Continually \_\_\_\_\_ for more - 1 Pet 4:3-4
  - 2. A dual confirmation of their callous hearts
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ gave themselves over - Eph 4:19
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ gave them over - Rom 1:24,26,28; Ps 81:11-12

### II In With The New

- A. Transition into new life in Christ
  - 1. We came to know Christ
    - a. Through \_\_\_\_\_ His teaching and Word
    - b. Through \_\_\_\_\_ His teaching and Word
- B. Put \_\_\_\_\_ the old self
  - 1. Get \_\_\_\_\_ of it - James 1:21
  - 2. Put it \_\_\_\_\_ - Rom 13:12
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ it off - Heb 12:1
  - 4. Put it to \_\_\_\_\_ - Col 3:5-7
- C. Be made new in our \_\_\_\_\_ - Col 3:10; Rom 12:2; Col 3:1-2
- D. Put \_\_\_\_\_ the new self - Rom 13:14; Col 3:10
  - 1. Created to be \_\_\_\_\_ God - Gen 1:27; Rom 8:29
    - a. In true righteousness - Rom 6:19
    - b. In true holiness - 1 Cor 1:30

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Take a moment to discuss areas where you see how the world's thinking has become futile and its understanding darkened? How were you like the world prior to coming to Christ?
2. Since coming to Christ where have you seen the clearest contrast between the “old” and the “new” in your life?
3. As Christians, how are we supposed to “put on” the new self? What do you think this means in practical terms?
4. What piece of “old life” clothing seems to be “skin-tight” and hard to remove? What steps have you taken to overcome it? And how could we as a fellowship encourage you?
5. What practical things have you found helpful in being made new in the attitudes of your mind? Is there anything that you’re not doing that would help in your spiritual growth?
6. Take a moment to talk with God about what you’ve learned. If necessary repent of any manner of sin that is a part of your former way of life and ask Him for opportunities this week to fulfill His calling on your life both toward others and Him.

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