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## AND THAT YE PUT ON THE NEW MAN, WHICH AFTER GOD IS CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS

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SCRIPTURE READING: **EPHESIANS 4:17-24**

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### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the September 2, 2018 Evening Message for the Background

### 2. INTRODUCTION

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### 3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. **That ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk.**

1. **Ephesians 4:17-19**, *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18: Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19: Who being past feeling have given*

*themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

2. God compares the saved person and the unsaved.
3. The caption is, "Do not walk as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind."
4. We are introduced here to some of the new moralities that are going on this day in time.
5. We know that the new morality is the same old sin that has existed for a long period of time.
6. The believer is free. The Bible says if we are in Christ we are free indeed. **John 8:36**, *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.* **1 Corinthians 8:9**, *But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.* **Galatians 5:1**, *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*
7. That liberty is in the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Some Bible scholars would label this as an area of negativity; however, I consider this to be very positive. If we were to walk in the will of God, and implement the things taught in these passages, we would have a most positive experience.
9. You cannot "will" that these things happen, the only way we can live the Christian life is to allow the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life through us.
10. God lays down some principles here. It is truly amazing how plain and clear this is. It is great medicine for Chesswood Baptist Church.
11. God laid down some rules in the Garden of Eden. If these rules had been followed, the whole human race would never have been plunged into sin. As an example: **Genesis 2:17**, *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.* There is no question that God

- knew what He was talking about, because the instant this happened, there were two deaths that occurred – both spiritual death and physical death was sure to follow.
12. Of course, we know that man was not created righteous, he was created innocent. The minute he was tested, he failed.
  13. Here, God lays down some principles for us to follow.
  14. As we look back, we find He has introduced several things in previous verses like the unity of the church, and now He gives us a picture of the lives of Gentiles and the lives of the Ephesians before conversion. Then He tells us what the picture of the new man needs to look like.
  15. We must be reminded again, that it is the soul that is saved; it is the inner man that needs to be fed. **2 Corinthians 4:16**, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*
  16. After the Lord lays down these things for us, He gives us a picture of what the lost person looks like.
  17. He lays out four specific things concerning the Gentiles.
  18. Before we hit those four things, let's go back and review this verse for just a moment. He is testifying and giving instructions. He tells us, *"henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk,"* Then He tells us why they walk the way they walk. It is because of *"the vanity of their mind,"*
  19. The Bible tells us that when we come to know Christ as Saviour, we must renew our minds.
  20. Let's analyze for just a moment as we deal with a list of four.
    - a. *"Having the understanding darkened"*
    - b. *"being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"*
    - c. *"Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness,"*

- d. *“to work all uncleanness with greediness.”*
21. In other words, when we talk about walking not as other Gentiles walk, we remember several things. God tells us at one time that we were strangers and pilgrims upon the earth. **Hebrews 11:13**, *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
  22. The graphic picture of the lost man is reflected here as we make this comparison. *“in the vanity of their mind,”* - meaning there is emptiness.
  23. They think sin will satisfy the human heart. I am reminded of **Hebrews 11:25**, *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*
  24. So many believers dabble and dabble in sin and think everything will turn out right. I can tell you that the Bible emphatically tells us there is pleasure in sin for a season and commands us to abstain from all appearance of evil. **1 Thessalonians 5:22**, *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*
  25. To mix-in with the crowd, to drink socially, and think everything will be alright is not God's way.
  26. There has never been an alcoholic that did not take that first drink.
  27. *“Having the understanding darkened,”* - there are no moral values anymore. There is a slogan that says, “If it makes you feel good, do it.” This is exactly what the lost world perpetuates.
  28. If we don't like something, then we change it to suite our own selves.
  30. This is nothing more than the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, and the pride of life.
  31. *“being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them,”* - The lost man is ignorant of the

fact that they are lost. They think that everything is going to be alright. They rationalize that there is no hell, and, in many cases, there is no Heaven – when we die we die like a dog and that is the end.

32. The Bible tells us in **Hebrews 9:27**, *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*
33. Man needs to establish a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. God has laid down a plan of salvation for mankind.
34. *“Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”* There is that word lasciviousness again. We have defined that as doing as we please.
35. There are other expansions of that definition. It means uncleanness, emptiness, the unbeliever becomes apathetic. We make up our own rules. So many believers are guilty of this as well; we go out and we paint the town and as a result we feel we have to do it bigger and better next time. Man continues to slip into sin which is a downward progression.
36. Covetousness means we are never satisfied. We just keep on asking and reaching forth for those things that are ungodly.
37. The only thing that will satisfy the heart or the human mind is the peace that the Lord Jesus Christ gives. **John 14:27**, *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* **Philippians 4:7**, *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**b. But ye have not so learned Christ.**

1. **Ephesians 4:20-21**, *But ye have not so learned Christ; 21: If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*
2. There is no question that God laid a plan of salvation for all

- of mankind. **John 11:25-26**, *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*
3. Jesus says in **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
  4. We must understand there are two classes of people on the earth: the saved – those who have received Jesus as personal Saviour, and the unsaved – those who have not received Jesus as personal Saviour. **John 3:36**, *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*
  5. **John 10:27-28**, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*
  6. When God saves us, He does not remove the old nature. There is a constant warfare between the old and new nature. That is the reason why He tells us to feed the new nature with the Word of God.
  7. In order to feed the new nature, we must feed it with truth. Notice the truth is in Jesus. “**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**”
  8. Although His life could not save us, His death could not save us, but the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is what saves us. **1 Corinthians 15:13-17**, *But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15: Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16: For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:*

**17:** *And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

9. Jesus Christ fulfilled it all – He completed God's plan. **John 17:4**, *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*
10. If we are to go to Heaven we must come by Him. **John 6:44**, *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.* **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
11. Once we are saved we should take on a new life style by adding to our faith. **2 Peter 1:5-8**, *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6: And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7: And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8: For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
12. As the next point will tell us, we become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

**c. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

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2. This is not before we are converted.
3. After we are converted God vividly tells us to “*put off concerning the former conversation the old man*” and to put on the new man.
4. We are told in the Book of Romans that the old man has

already been crucified with Christ. **Romans 6:6**, *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

5. After we are saved, we have the power to sin less. We do not get rid of sin completely because God does not remove the old nature. **Romans 12:2**, *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
6. There is a constant warfare between the old and the new nature. **Romans 7:25**, *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.* **Romans 8:1**, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
7. Being saved and born again means that we embrace, and we believe the promises of God and that gives us a born-again experience. **Ephesians 1:13**, *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
8. In a nutshell, that wraps up God's plan of salvation.
9. We conclude that everything that is required to go to Heaven has already been done by the Son.
10. We are created and given righteousness and true holiness. As a matter of fact, righteousness is imputed. **James 2:23**, *And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.* **Romans 8:9**, *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
11. After we are regenerated, baptized into the body of Christ

by the Holy Spirit, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and sealed by the Holy Spirit, we are seated in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:6**, *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

12. This is our position. The idea is “what in the world is our state as we walk the face of the earth?” Our standing is correct, the position is there, but what about the state in which we operate in each and every day?
13. **Psalms 23:4**, *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*
14. Paul is about to tell us how to put on the new man which is created after righteousness and true holiness.
15. He will tell us how to avoid being corrupted in deceitful lust and be renewed in the Spirit as we “**walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.**”
16. We are to walk in the Spirit. **Galatians 5:16**, *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Personal Saviour, today needs to your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
- b. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- c. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- d. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth*

*confession is made unto salvation.*

e. Would you please stand?

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