

# *Transformed by the Light*

**Ephesians 4:17-24; 5: 7-10**

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## Introduction

- Trend today to adopt worldly methodology to evangelize the lost
- Jesus never presented himself to people as an "Add-On"
- Salvation involves radically transformation of life
- Jesus Christ as the "light of the world" leads us from the realm of darkness to the realm of spiritual light, and in the process, He transforms our lives!

## *Transformed by the Light!*

### **A. Our Former Lifestyle: "Walking as the rest of the Gentiles walk"**

1. **Self-centered—Ephesians 4:17** *"futility of their minds"*
2. **Scripturally-blinded—Ephesians 4:18** *"understanding darkened"*
  - a. Darkened to the meaning of God's word.—1 Corinthians 2:14
  - b. Darkness implies both ignorance and immorality.—2 Timothy 3:7; Romans 1:21
3. **Spiritually-insensitive—Ephesians 4:18** *"the blindness of their heart"*
  - a. "blindness" should be translated "hardness of heart"
  - b. "Hard hearts" are unresponsive to the truth, not due to ignorance but rather refusal to respond to God's warnings and revelation.
    - 1) *"Alienated from the life of God"*
    - 2) *"Due to the ignorance that is in them"*
4. **Sensual-Sinful Lifestyle—Ephesians 4:19** *"past feeling, have given themselves over..."*
  - a. "past feeling"—Gr. Text says, *"who feeling no pain"*—that is, no shame, no remorse
  - b. Without pain or remorse, they give themselves over to...
    - 1) Lewdness—absence of all moral standards
    - 2) Uncleanliness—general moral perversity and wrong doing
    - 3) Greediness—a continual lust for more
  - c. Sin does not satisfy—the law of diminishing returns

### **B. Our New Lifestyle: "Walking as children of light"**

1. **Instead of being self-centered, we are now CHRIST-CENTERED—Ephesians 4:20**
  - a. To "learn Christ" is to know Christ, to become one of his disciples.—Matthew 11:28-29
  - b. Our new life become Christ-centered. Colossians 3:3-4; Galatians 2:20
2. **Instead of being Scripturally-blinded, we are now SCRIPTURALLY-TAUGHT—Ephesians 4:21**

Note the Progression

  - a. "heard Him"—Romans 10:17
  - b. "taught by Him"—teachability
  - c. "the trust as in Jesus"—strong convictions
3. **Instead of being Spiritual-Insensitive, we are now SPIRITUALLY RESPONSIVE—Ephesians 4:22-24**
  - a. The PROCESS explained
    - 1). We are to PUT OFF the old man—our former conduct. Colossians 3:5, 8-9
    - 2) We must PUT ON the new man *"created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness"*
    - 3) The KEY: We need new INPUT-- *"be renewed in the spirit of your mind"* Colossians 3:10
  - b. The PROCESS illustrated – 2 Corinthians 3:14-18
  - c. The PROCESS unfinished—Philippians 3:12-14
4. **Instead of being sensual, sinful, we are SPIRITUAL, LIGHT-LIKE—Ephesians 5:8-10**
  - a. The production of "fruit of light"—Ephesians 5:8-9
    - 1) "goodness" or "moral excellence"
    - 2) "righteousness" or "spiritual excellence"
    - 3) "truth" or "personal excellence" or integrity
  - b. The pursuit of developing light-like qualities—Ephesians 5:10