

Review

The primary motivation of the Christian. {2 Corinthians 5:14} “The Love of Christ controls me”

The Christian is motivated from inside out

Paul gives us a description of our life as Christians in 4:1-16 with a brief parenthesis vs. 9-11

- In vs. 1 he tells us how we are to walk
- In vs. 17-19 how **not** to walk
 - Futility / emptiness
 - Darkened understanding
 - Alienated from the life of God
 - Ignorance
 - Hardened heart
 - Callous (consider a guitar player)
 - Given over to sensuality (always seeking but never satisfied)
 - Greedy / *Eager* to practice every kind of impurity (consider 4:3)

What happens in a vacuum? {spiritual}

- Phil 4:8 “fill your mind with these things”
- The battle is for *mindshare*
- All of the above are attitudinal (issues of the heart) { Mind, Will & Emotions }

Paul now introduces us to this new section on the Christian Life

Eph 4:20 & 21 {refer back to vs. 13, “knowledge of the Son of God”}

Vs. 20 “But that is not the way you learned Christ” Greek: *emathet*

- John 17:3
- Mathew 11:29
- John 13:15
- Phil 2:5
- 1Peter 2:21

Vs. 21a “assuming that you have heard about him” Greek: *ekousate*

- Paul lived & preached in Ephesus
- Romans 10:14

Vs. 21b “and were taught in him” Greek: *edidachthete*

- Jesus is the subject, the teacher & the school
- Col 2:7 “in him”

Eph 4:22 The Christian has experienced a radical change in his mental outlook.

“**Put off** the old self belonging to your former manner of life”

- Q: Is this a one time action or continuous?
- Col 3:9
- Rom 6:6

Paul introduces the topic of Sanctification

Sanctification is both a positional issue as well as a relational one. Theologians use the following terms:

- Definitive Sanctification
- Progressive Sanctification

Eph 4:23 “to be renewed in the spirit of your minds”