

Review

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

The Christian is motivated from inside out: {key thought here is Christ changed our thinking}

- Vs. 20 “But that is not the way you learned Christ” Greek: *emathet*
- Vs. 21a “assuming that you have heard him” Greek: *ekousate*
- Vs. 21b “and were taught in him” Greek: *edidachthete*

“Putting off & Putting on” {Key thought is the action is not completed in the negative but only when accompanied by the positive}

Eph 4:23 “to be renewed in the spirit of your minds” {Key Thought is that the Spirit of God now *controls* our thinking}

- Romans 8:6&7
- Our thinking will result in our conduct

Christian Behavior is a result of Christian thinking

- The resulting conduct will lead to the building up of the body of Christ. Note that Paul is speaking in terms of the church not as individuals.
- Note how radical the change is below, not just we no longer do *X* but we now do *Y*
- See that the new mind focus will bear fruit

	<u>Put off</u>	<u>Put on</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>Eph 4:25</u>	“lay aside falsehood”	“speak truth”	Unity of the body
<u>Eph 4:26</u>	“Be angry”	“do not sin”	Devil won’t split the body
<u>Eph 4:28</u>	“steal no longer”	“let him labor”	sharing with needy in the body
<u>Eph 4:29</u>	“no unwholesome word”	“edifying word”	giving grace to those who hear in the body
<u>Eph 4:31&32</u>	“bitterness, wrath, etc”	“kind, tender-hearted..	Building up of the body in Love