



# First Baptist Church OF MATAWAN

## **The Way You Learned Christ (Ephesians 4:17-24)**

Pastor Daniel Wiginton • Sunday Morning, June 21, 2015

1. The World's Walk: Futile Minds and Futile Lives (17-19)
  - a. Christians must not live like the world we were once part of (17)
  - b. The world's futile thinking laid bare (18-19)
    - i. Darkened in understanding
    - ii. Alienated from true life, which is found in God
    - iii. Hard hearts that prefer ignorance
    - iv. Callous to sin, given up to sensuality
    - v. Greedy to practice every kind of impurity
2. The Christian Life: Renewed Minds and a New Self (20-24)
  - a. It comes from the true teaching, hearing, and learning of Jesus (20-21)
  - b. The gospel taught us to put off the old self (22)
    - i. It belongs to your former manner of life
    - ii. It is characterized by corruption and deceitful desires
  - c. The gospel taught us to be made new in the spirit of our minds (23)
  - d. The gospel taught us to put on the new self (24)
    - i. It is created by God, not by our own effort
    - ii. Its pattern is God, not our own ideas of virtue
    - iii. It is characterized by righteousness and holiness