



“Put Off and Be Renewed”

Ephesians 4:17-24

I. Believers in this Gentile region of western Asia Minor are admonished to act no more like _____ (4:17).

a. The Gentile mind harbors _____, darkness, and ignorance due to stubbornness (4:17b-18).

Ephesians 2:1-2; Proverbs 1:7; Hebrews 11:3; Romans 1:21-22

b. Their hardness of heart has a purpose— _____ their wicked behavior (4:19).

II. The Gentiles protection of wicked behavior is not the way of _____ (4:20).

a. The Christian puts off the evil behavior that arises out of our corrupt _____ (4:21-22).

Colossians 3:9-10

b. As the Christian participates with God, his inner man is _____ and a new man _____ by God that mirrors God’s righteousness and holiness (4:23-24).

QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT:

1. Have you ever seen a sinner who was formerly held in captivity to sin and set free in Christ as a new creature? How do you compare their experience to your own?
2. What are some popular sheltering strategies for sin?
3. Are there any lines between helpful accountability groups and accountability groups who wallow in and justify sin?
4. Does the doctrine teaching that we are a new creature have any conflict with 12-step programs that begin introductions with, “My name is _____ and I am a _____.”