

The New Man- Living for God in a Dark World (Ephesians 4:17-24)

1. *The Means of Growing into Christ: He Gave Leadership (4:7-11)*

2. *The Goal of Growing into Christ: Perfection (4:12b-14)*

3. *The Aim of or Purpose in All Ministry (4:15,16)*

I. Doctrine: What We Once Were & What We Now Are (4:17-24)

1. The Vile Clothes of those outside of Christ (4:7-19)

- a. *Blindness* – better translation “*hardness of heart*”
- b. *Darkness* – “having their understanding darkened”
- c. *Deadness* – “being alienated from - life of God”
- d. *Recklessness Abandonment* “Being past feeling, given over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness”

2. Pure Garments of Righteousness for All in Christ (4:20-24)

- a. First, “you learned Christ” (vs 20, *emathete*)
- b. Secondly, “you heard him” (vs 21a, *ēkousate*)
- c. Thirdly, “you were taught in him” (verse 21b, *edidachthēte*)
- d. Paul defines truth in Jesus (vss.22-24) Putting off the old man & putting on the new man
- e. Putting off the old man & putting on the new man vs 23 “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind”

Conclusion