

“Has Christ Changed Your Life?”
November 12, 2023 * Ephesians 4:17-24

Romans 6:4, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Contrast Eph. 4:1 & 4:17

4:1, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling
4:17, “that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do,

1 Peter 4:3–5

Unbelievers are

- _____ in their thinking, 4:17 – “in the futility of their minds.”
- _____ of God’s truth, 4:18 – “They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.”
John 3:19
- _____ spiritually, 4:19a – “They have become callous”
- Never _____, 4:19b – “and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.”

Believers

- are Christ-_____, 4:20 – “But that is not the way you learned Christ!—”
- know God’s _____, 4:21 – “assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus”
1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”
- have put off the _____ way of life, 4:22 – “to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires”
- have put on the _____ way of life, 4:23 - and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

2 Corinthians 13:5, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”

Fill in the blanks: Futile, Ignorant, Calloused, satisfied, centered, Truth, old, new