Passage Outline:

Vs. 17-19
This I testify: no longer as Gentiles ...
- futile in their thinking—darkened
- alienated on account of ignorance via hardened hearts
- incorrigible, they give themselves to sensuality, impurity, greed

Vs. 20-24
You did not so learn Christ
- if heard/ were taught in Him
- put off former, “old” life
- corrupted by deceitful desires
- put on “new” life
- created by God in righteousness and holiness in truth

Key words and Thoughts: testify (μαρτυρέω); vanity (ματαιότης); mind (νοῦς); thinking (διάνοια); desire (ἐπιθυμία); deceit (ἀπάτη); become insensitive (?); greed (πλεονεξία) learn (μαθάνω); truth (ἀλήθεια); alienated (ἀπαλλοτριώμαι); give (παραδίδωμι); hardness (πώρωσις);

Questions:

Would you characterize your life as “old self” and “new self”? Why/ why not?

At moments in your thinking, is there darkness? If so, what is the cause of such thinking?

What would it mean for you to be holy and righteous? Do you desire these qualities? Why/ why not?