

New Life in Christ (Ephesians 4:17-24)

Intro: Sam says that he was saved a long time ago, but his life never really changed. He tells his wife that no one is perfect, and people need to just “lighten up and give me a break”. Does the Bible have anything to say to people like Sam?

1. Admonition: You’ve got to _____! vs. 17-19

Don’t live like the unbelievers!

➤ _____ differently. (vs. 17-18)

- not in futility
- not in darkness
- not in ignorance
- not in hardness and callousness of heart

➤ _____ differently. (v. 19)

- not in sensuality
- not in impurity
- not in greediness

2. Argument: Consider this!

vs. 20-24

If you’re really a Christian...

You have _____ the old self. (v. 22)

You’ve been _____ unto true knowledge. (v. 23)

You’ve _____ the new self. (v. 24)

Salvation is deliverance from sin...its _____, but also its _____ and its _____ and its _____.

1 John 3:9 “No one who is born of God practices sin...”

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(CONNECT questions for 4/14)

--Read Ephesians 4:17-24

1. Consider 2 Cor. 5:17 *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away. Behold, new things have come."*

What if the old things haven't really passed away, and new things are slow in coming? **Is there such a thing as a "carnal Christian"?**

Refer to 1 Cor. 3:3 and Rom. 8:7.

(note: carnal= Gr. *sarkinos*= of the flesh; natural or unempowered man)

If your answer is yes, how would you describe such a person?

If your answer is no, how would you describe such a person?

2. Consider Mark 1:15 *"repent, and believe in the gospel."*

How do you know if someone (including yourself) is really born again?

- _____ Matt. 10:32,33
- _____ 2 Cor. 5:17
- _____ 1 John 3:14; 4:7-8
- _____ 1 John 3:9,10
- _____ Rom. 8:16; 1 John 4:13
- _____ Heb. 12:5-6, 8
- _____ 1 Pet. 2:2
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