



# REVEALED

The Mystery of Christ in Ephesians

**Ephesians 4:17-24**

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# THE CHANGE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR (HOW THE GOSPEL BRINGS RADICAL TRANSFORMATION)

FIND THIS IN YOUR BIBLE: *Ephesians 4:17-24*

## Four Spiritual Change Agents

### 1. The Power of Epiphany

*To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires. – Ephesians 4:22 (ESV)*

*Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. – Colossians 3:9-10 (ESV)*

#### THE GODLESS TAILSPIN OF LIFE WITHOUT GOD

*Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.<sup>18</sup> 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.<sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. – Ephesians 4:17-19 (ESV)*

- A. THE HARDNESS OF THEIR HEART
- B. THE DARKNESS OF THEIR MIND
- C. THE RECKLESSNESS OF THEIR CHOICES

*Romans 1:18-32*

## 2. The Potency of a New Creation

*...to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. – Ephesians 4:24 (ESV)*

*Romans 13:13; Galatians 3:27*

- A NEW-CREATION MOTIVATION
- A NEW-CREATION IDENTIFICATION

## 3. The Process of Spiritual Thinking

*and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds – Ephesians 4:23 (ESV)*

*Romans 12:1-2; Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 4:16*

## 4. The Person of Jesus Christ

*But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard [about] him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, – Ephesians 4:20-21*

- Ephesians 4:14 - LOVING TRUTH
- Ephesians 4:24 - MORAL TRUTH
- Ephesians 4:25 - HONEST TRUTH

## I Will Live The Mystery by...

- Memorizing [Ephesians 4:23-24](#)
- Embracing a new-creation lifestyle in my life.
- Refocusing my mind on spiritual values & Christ-like attitudes.
- Accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

## WALK THE TALK

### A Growth Group Guide

1. Have you ever owned a garment, shirt, shoes that you just seemed you could not part with? Why do you think we “own” these so strongly?
2. What values do we tend to have as “Americans” that can get in the way of living, thinking, and talking like a Christian (remember Paul is talking to Gentiles about no longer walking as Gentiles do)?
3. Name some practical ways we can change our spiritual wardrobe? What do we “take off” and what do we need to “put on”?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2: How does this passage help you understand Ephesians 4:23? What are some spiritual exercises that help you become renewed in the spirit of your mind?
5. What do you think you specifically need to do this week to start “living the mystery of Christ” out?