

**Sermon Title:** New Life

**Sermon Series:** Ephesians – Who We Are

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:17-32 ESV

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**Who we believe we are dictates the way we live.**

**Who are you?**

**Life Before Jesus**

**Ephesians 4:17-19 ESV**

17 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. 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. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

**I Got Jesus!**

**Ephesians 4:20-24 ESV**

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 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 5:17 & 21 ESV**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Colossians 3:1-4 ESV**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **Romans 8:1-17 ESV**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

***“My primary identity is what Jesus has done for me.”***

***—Pastor Mike***

## **Life After Jesus**

### **Ephesians 4:25 ESV**

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

### **Ephesians 4:26-27 ESV**

26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

### **Ephesians 4:28 ESV**

28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

### **Ephesians 4:29 ESV**

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

### **Ephesians 4:30 ESV**

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

### **Ephesians 4:31 ESV**

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Love Jesus**

**Love One Another**

**Live with Purpose**

## Group Discussion Questions

### Open in Prayer

#### Getting to Know God

- What is something from this passage that we can learn about God?
  - Ex. What are his characteristics? What does he do/communicate, or not do/communicate and why?
- From your other personal Bible reading, what did you learn or see about God that relates or correlates to what this passage is talking about?
- As you reflect on this passage or this past week's sermon, what is God trying to say or show us? What one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, encouraging, new or difficult to grasp?

#### Living it Out

- If you were to live out these verses, **what** would be most challenging for you to trust God with?
  - **When** and **where** do you struggle the most with *putting off your old self*?
- How would your life change today or this week if you live out what God is teaching you?
- Are you called to do something? Go somewhere? Serve someone? How are you going to live this out at home, in your work, or in your leisure time?
  
- **Love Jesus:** I will love Jesus  
by:\_\_\_\_\_
- **Love One Another:** I will love one another  
by:\_\_\_\_\_
- **Live With Purpose:** I will live with  
purpose:\_\_\_\_\_

## **Pray and Share**

- What victories have you seen God give you this week?
- What can we pray for you about this week?
  - What challenges or struggles are you facing?
  - What is on your heart?