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WE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO LIVE LIKE WE ONCE DID

(Ephesians 4:17-24)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

III. THE BELIEVER'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH, PERSONAL, AND DOMESTIC LIFE (4:1-6:9)

A. Unity in the Body of Christ (4:1-16)

B. The Old Life with the Sin Nature in Control (4:17-19)

1. As believers with a new identity, we _____ no _____ walk as we once did before we were saved by God's grace. (v. 17a)

2. The unbelievers' walk is a life that is spiritually _____, useless, _____, and even _____ before God; they have a "vain brain." (v. 17b)

3. The unbelievers' _____ has been satanically _____ (v. 18a cf. 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; John 3:19-21)

4. The unsaved person is entirely _____, estranged from any kind of personal _____ with God. (v. 18b)

5. All of this transpires because of *"the ignorance that is* _____ _____*"* which comes about either through _____ or worse, _____ regarding the Gospel; consequently, their mind and heart remain spiritually blind. (v. 18c)

6. The unbeliever does what comes natural to him, he will indulge the flesh, which leads…

   a. *"to lewdness"* (2 Cor. 12:20-21; 1 Pet. 4:2-3)

   b. *"to work all uncleanness"* (Rom. 1:24-25; Gal. 5:19)

   c. *"with greediness"* (Ecc. 5:10; Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:9)

C. The New Life with the Holy Spirit in Control (4:20-32)

1. To know Christ personally (at salvation) is to know the truth; this _____ make a profound difference in how the believer lives his/her life with new _____ and _____ that now honor the Lord. (v. 20)

2. The truth of what Christ has done for you (at salvation) and the purpose that He has for your life _____ dominate your thinking- this truth from the Word has ethical _____ and _____… you are to no longer live for self. (v. 21, cf. Jas. 4:4-5; 2 Cor. 5:14-15)

3. What appears to be commands in verses 22-24 are actually infinitives; they are describing facts that have already taken place at salvation (e.g. Rom. 13:12-14; Col. 3:9; Heb. 12:1; Jas. 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1)

   a. Because your *"old man"* was *"put off* (aor./mid./infin.), you _____ no longer continue to _____ deceitful desires to appeal to your physical senses. (v. 22, cf. Rom. 6:4-6; Col. 3:9-10)

   b. You are to be *"renewed* (pres./pass./infin.) *in the Spirit of your mind"* (v. 23), and this takes places by filling your head with the _____of _____ who created you. (Col. 3:10)

   c. Because you have already *"put on* (aor./mid./infin.) *the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness…*" (v. 24) …

      1) You ought to start _____ a truly _____ life (in the practical sense) through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 6:11-13)

      2) Your life should be _____ by genuine _____. (1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2 Pet. 1:5-9)