Ephesians 4:20-24

Scripture Translations:

"But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." NKJV

"But this is not the way of life that Christ has unfolded within you. 21 If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, *it will be seen in your life*; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus! 22 And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self-life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. 23 Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. 24 And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness." TPT

Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Learned
- Taught
- Truth
- Old man
- Renewed
- Spirit of your mind
- New man
- created

Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

Questions:

- 1. Given the context of the chapter, **maturity and unity** are of paramount importance and the highest priority and evidence of a life in Christ. For the body of Christ to fulfill its purpose, how must we view our former life before we came to know Christ?
- 2. How does our personal and individual relationship with Christ affect our position and function within the broader context of the body of Christ...the ecclesia?
- 3. How big is the struggle to align your mind with the will of the Father? What role does the Spirit of Yahweh play in this "renewing in the spirit of the mind"?
- 4. What are some practical ways in which we "put on" the new man?
- 5. Given the messages from the past couple of months, explain how appropriating the benefits of Christ on the cross, His subsequent three days in the center of the earth and the resurrection from the dead make this transformation from old to new possible.

Faith Declarations:

- Yahweh, first and foremost and I am most thankful that you provided a way of redemption for me and all of mankind. I declare today that I will not settle for any aspect of the old man or the life I lived before I received Christ and His kingdom come.
- I declare I am a new man/woman in Christ and I will fully appropriate all Christ has made available to me as an adopted son in the earth today. I am IN CHRIST, fully baptized by the Spirit into the life of Christ and CHRIST IS IN ME expressing Himself through me and the life I now live for Him.
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