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Ephesians 4:17-24

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, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24

1. Put off the old self

(die to self)

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Ephesians 4:17-19



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Ephesians 4:22

2. Put on the new self

Made alive in Christ (born again)

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Ephesians 4:20-24

"...the old being is drowned in baptism, but the rascal can swim!"

Snodgrass, Klyne. "NIV Application Commentary"

And I am sure of this, that he [God] who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

What you do/ say comes from who you are (Matt. 12:34-35)	
PUT OFF THE OLD SELF (die to old self)	PUT ON THE NEW SELF (made alive in Christ, born again)
Futile/ meaningless	Meaning in Christ, repurposed (2:10)
Darkened in understanding/ignorant	Taught/ heard about the truth/ light of Jesus
Alienated from the life of God	Christ likeness: truly holy and righteous
Hard-hearted, corrupt, deceived by desire	New creation/ new self, renewed in inner being
Callous (morally insensitive), pleasure seeking	Learning and obeying Jesus
Greedy, insatiable thirst	New purpose, satisfied in Christ

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16