

**God's Plan:  
His Body Transformed  
One Member at a Time.**

**Ephesians 4:17-24**



## **Ephesians 4:17-24 (NIV)**

**So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**

**Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.**

**That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.**

**You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

# Remember What You Were Taught

**4:20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.**

**4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life,**

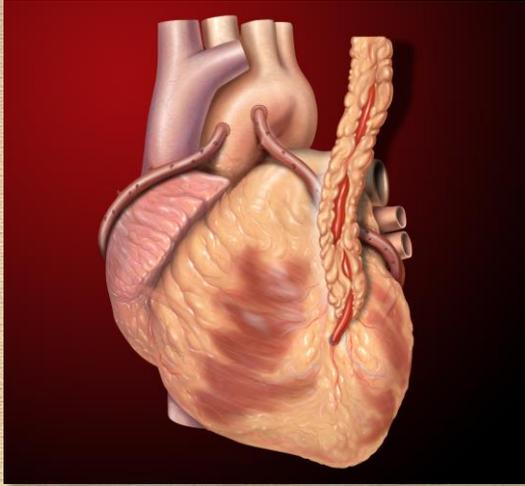
- to put off your old self ...**
- to be made new in the attitude of your minds**
- to put on the new self**

# New Clothing



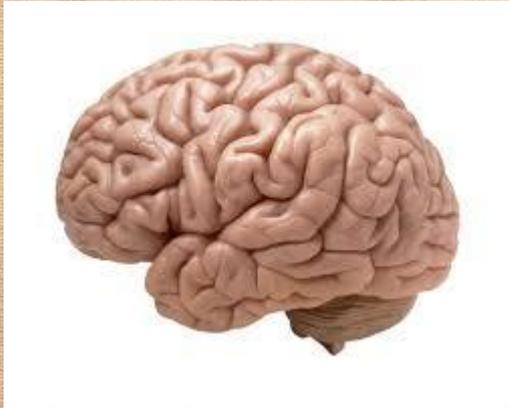
**For all of you who were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal. 3:27)**



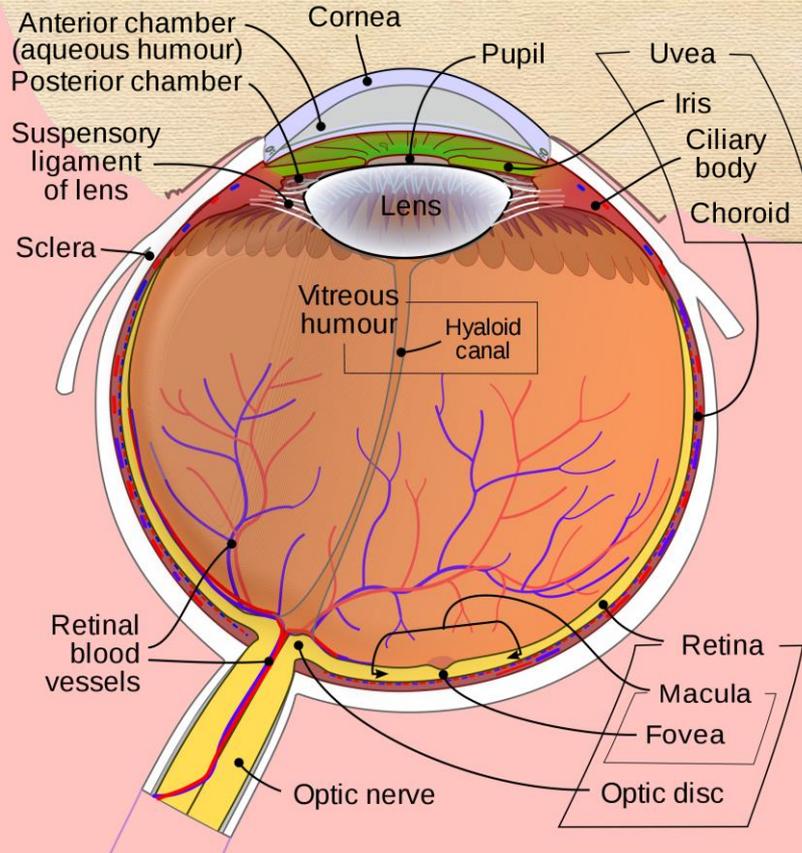


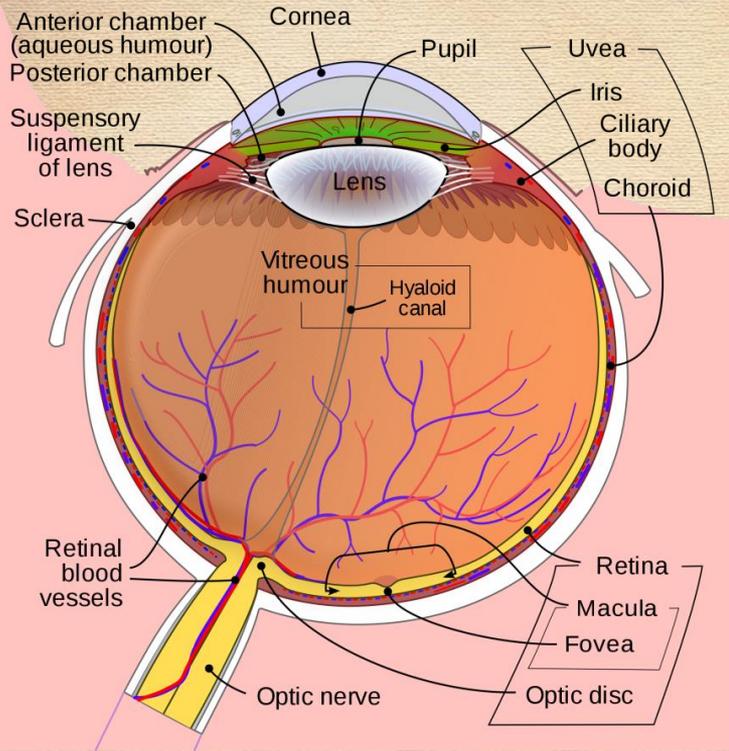
## Put Off the Old Man:

- Hardened hearts  
→ Darkened understanding of God



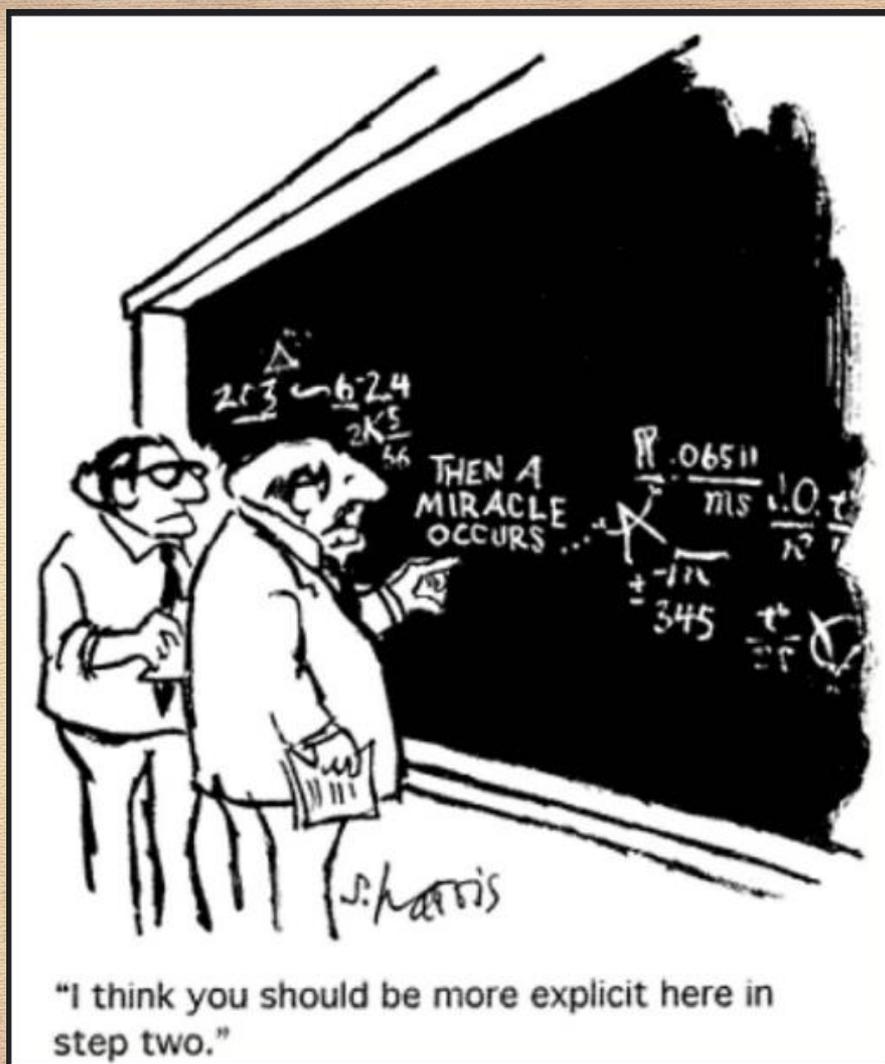
# Blindness to God



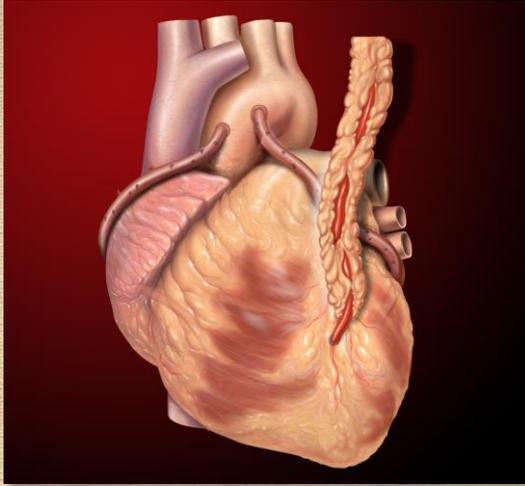


**“Natural selection is the blind watchmaker, blind because it does not see ahead, does not plan consequences, has no purpose in view. Yet the living results of natural selection overwhelmingly impress us with the appearance of design as if by a master watchmaker, impress us with the illusion of design and planning.”**

*The Blind Watchmaker, Richard Dawkins*

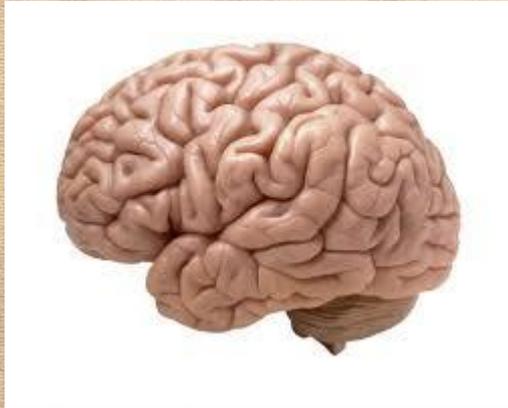


"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."



## **Put Off the Old Man:**

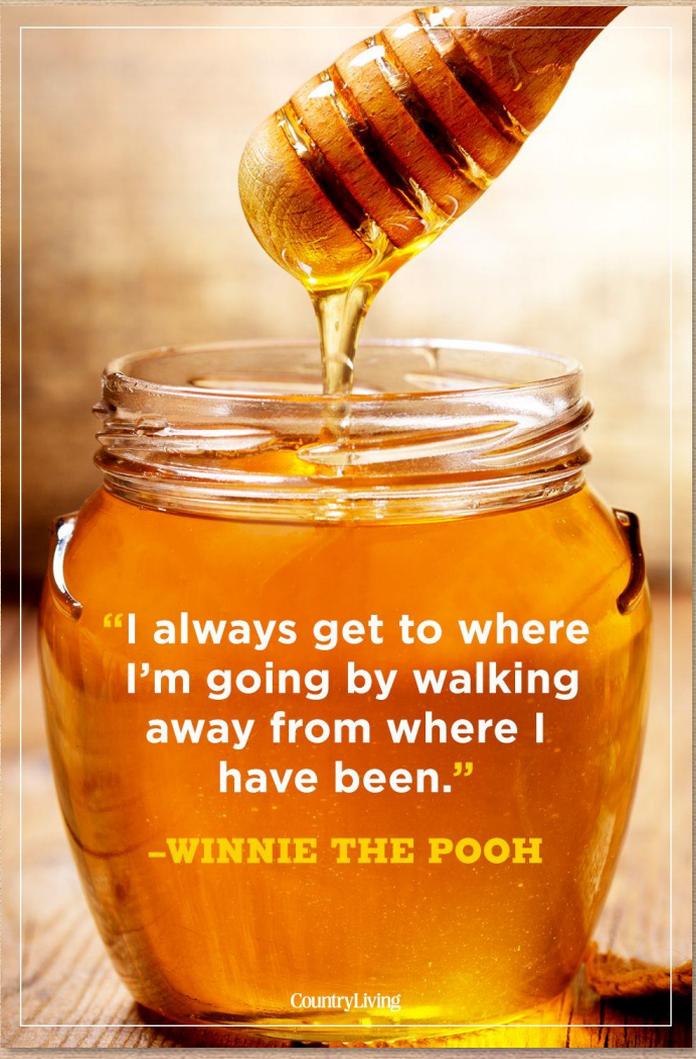
- **Hardened hearts**  
→ **Darkened understanding of God**



- **Insensitive/callous consciences**  
→ **Sexual immorality and greed**

# Moral Insensitivity



A close-up photograph of a wooden honey dipper dripping with golden honey into a glass jar. The honey is thick and viscous, creating a smooth stream as it falls. The jar is partially filled with honey and sits on a wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of a natural setting.

**“I always get to where  
I’m going by walking  
away from where I  
have been.”**

**-WINNIE THE POOH**

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# **Be Made New in the Attitude of Your Mind**

- **The truth is in Jesus**
- **Teachable**
- **Sensitive conscience**
- **Hungry for maturity**
- **Relying on the power of the risen Christ**

# Put On

- **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (4:2-3)**
- **Speaking the truth in love ... only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs. (4:15,29)**
- **Work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. (4:27)**

**To get to where God has called you  
(unity and maturity in Christ),**

**You must walk away from where you  
have been  
(hardened heart & its sin).**