

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning 11-21-21  
Christianity 101 – Message 23 Part 4  
New Life and a New Journey in Discipleship

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Are we being transformed?
- 2) Are the Israelites being transformed? What do you see?
- 3) That “thing” that God keeps bringing up is like unto a crisis of belief moment.

2. Principle – Put Off, Be Renewed and Put On: Ephesians 4:17-24

a. The context is the spiritual battle:

- 1) Notice the word “walk” used in verse 1 and verse 17.
- 2) “walk” – can be defined as manner or custom, movement, travel.
  - a) Manner or custom – What you do in your walk.
  - b) Movement – How you walk.
  - c) Travel – Where you are going in your walk.

3) Application –

b. Paul describes the Gentiles walk:

- 1) “vanity of their mind” vs. 17 – they believe that sin is satisfying.
  - a) Is this really true?
- 2) “understanding being darkened” vs. 18 – their vision is obscured.
  - a) Obscured to what? Morality?
- 3) “alienated from the life of God” vs. 18 – a non-participant.
  - a) Notice why this is true. Read the rest of the verse.
- 4) “who being past feeling” – vs 19 – the heart has become calloused, indifferent, apathetic.
  - a) These he says, “have given themselves over unto lasciviousness”
  - b) Lasciviousness deals with 3 areas – What you do with your words, what you do with your body and what you do with someone else’s body.
  - c) “to work all uncleanness with greediness” – eager and greedy to indulge in every form our impurity.

c. Reality Check: Verse 20-21

- 1) Great question here.
  - a) Belief will translate into behavior. Doctrine into deeds, education in expression and principles into practice.”
- 2) Compromise and contradiction will confuse convictions.

d. How does that change continue? Verse 22-24

- 1) “PUT OFF” – to renounce, to give up, refuse to follow, obey or recognize any further.
- 2) “BE RENEWED in the spirit of your mind” – Key word – renovated.
- 3) “PUT ON “– the new you created in Christ Jesus.

3. Prepare for the Battle: Exodus 17:9-13 ([Johnnie, picture of Rephidim here](#))
  - a. Moses appoints Joshua a leader: verse 9
  - b. Here's the strategy: Verse 9
    - 1) Three components to victory –
  - c. Moses gets tired: Verse 12
    - 1) We learn something unique about Moses here:
    - 2) Christians get tired as well –
  - d. Do we have someone interceding for us?
    - 1) Jesus is our High Priest – Hebrews 7:25
4. The Battle is Won: Verse 14-16
  - a. The Lord is my Banner:
5. Today's Take Away: