

Sermon Discussion Questions

Date: 5/11/14 Title: *"Living the New Life"* Text: Ephesians 4:17-32.

- 1. Paul says that Gentiles are afflicted with a spiritual condition known as hardness of heart (v. 18). What are the effects of this condition (vv. 17-19)?
- 2. How does Paul contrast the life of the typical Gentile (an unbeliever) with that of a believer?
- 3. What is the role of the mind in the behavior of both the unbeliever (v. 18) and the believer (vv. 20-24)?
- 4. What are you doing to renew your mind in Christ (vv. 20-21)?
- 5. What do you think it means to put off the old self (v. 22)?
- 6. In verses 25-32, what does Paul tell us to *put off,* what does he say to *put on,* and what *reason* does he give for doing these things? [Note: If he doesn't explicitly state each of the three parts for a given topic fill in what is implied.]
- 7. Which of the commands in verses 25-32 do you have the greatest difficulty following? What steps can you take that would help you obey better in the future?