

Out With the Old
Ephesians 4:17-32
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- Darkened understanding
- Ignorance
- Hardened hearts
- Given to sensuality
- Indulging impurity
- Greedy

⇒ What you think evolves into what you will do.

⇒ "*morally depraved; unprincipled; bad.*" Therefore, a "reprobate mind" is the loss of logic and morality in a person's reasoning. A reprobate mind is given over to irrational pursuits of sin that are destructive to their soul and body and the people around them.

⇒ Sanctification is linked with the mind.

Quote of the week

That which was once darkened, ignorant, hardened, calloused, sensual, impure, and greedy is now enlightened, learned in truth, sensitive to sin, pure, and generous. Whereas it was once characterized by wickedness and sin, it is now characterized by righteousness and holiness. —Johnny Mac

⇒ God creates the new self and the new mind

- κτίζω – create, form, shape, make, always of God.
- **HELPS Word Studies 2936** ktízō – properly, create, which applies only to God who alone can make what was "not there before" (Latin, ex nihilo, out of nothing, J.Thayer); figuratively to begin ("found"), especially what is habitable or useful.
- [This is also the meaning of this term from Homer to Josephus.]

⇒ Embracing the old self and its way of life/thought brings sorrow.

⇒ Leave the old self behind; Christ died that it too would be crucified. Put on the new self and new mind, which was created by the father and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- a. In your opinion, of all the ideas that those outside of the church believe to be true (though they are darkened in their understanding), what idea or state of mind is the most harmful to all of humanity?
- b. In Christ your old self has been cast off. Praise God! What is one desire, behavior, or mentality you have today that makes it seem as though you're a completely different person from who you used to be when you didn't know or follow Christ?
- c. What makes you angry that you know shouldn't? When was the last time you had unrighteous anger, sinned, and became convicted by the Holy Spirit?
- d. What do you define as unwholesome talk? Opinions may vary.
- e. Of everything in this portion of scripture (Ephesians 4:17-32), what one area do you desire the Holy Spirit to help and empower you in?