

# A NEW IDENTITY

EPHESIANS 4:17-32



# CHAPTERS 1-3

## *What God Has Done*

1. You were chosen. (1:4)
2. You were redeemed. (1:7)
3. You were made alive. (2:5)
4. You were saved by grace. (2:8-9)
5. You were created for good works. (2:10)
6. You were made a co-heir. (3:6)
7. You were strengthened by the Holy Spirit. (3:16)

CHAPTERS 4-6

HOW THEN  
SHALL WE LIVE?



**VERSES 17-19: THE OLD SELF**  
**VERSES 20-24: SALVATION & SANCTIFICATION**  
**VERSES 25-32: THE NEW SELF**

# THE OLD SELF

## THE MIND

“you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.



## THE HEART

alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.



## THE BODY

They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

# SALVATION & SANCTIFICATION

# SANCTIFICATION DEFINITION

The lifelong process by which God makes believers more like Christ in their thoughts, desires, and actions.

# SALVATION

<sup>20</sup> *But that is not the way you learned Christ! –  
21 assuming that you have heard about him and  
were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,*

# DEFINITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

**DEFINITIVE SANCTIFICATION:  
GOD'S REALITY**

God has made  
me new in Christ.

**PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION:  
OUR PARTICIPATION**

I am learning to live  
as the new person  
God has made me.

# DEFINITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

## DEFINITIVE SANCTIFICATION: GOD'S REALITY

...the new self,  
created after  
the likeness of  
God in true  
righteousness  
and holiness.

## PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION: OUR PARTICIPATION

...put off your old self...  
...be renewed in the spirit  
of your mind...  
...put on your new self...

# THE NEW SELF: COMMUNITY

**OLD PATTERN**

“Put away  
falsehood”



**NEW REALITY**

“We are members  
one of another”



**NEW PRACTICE**

“Speak the  
truth with  
(your) neighbor”

# THE NEW SELF: ESCALATION

## OLD PATTERN

“Be angry and  
do not sin”



## NEW REALITY

“Give no  
opportunity  
to the devil”



## NEW PRACTICE

“Do not let  
the sun go down  
on your anger”

# THE NEW SELF: LABOR

## OLD PATTERN

“Let the thief no longer steal.”



## NEW REALITY

“That (you) might have something to share with anyone in need.”



## NEW PRACTICE

“Let (them) labor, doing honest work with (their) own hands.”

# THE NEW SELF: SPEECH

## OLD PATTERN

“Let no  
corrupting talk  
come out of  
your mouths”



## NEW REALITY

“That it may  
give grace to  
those who hear”



## NEW PRACTICE

“Only such as  
is good for  
building up, as fits  
the occasion”

# THE NEW SELF: OFFENSE

## OLD PATTERN

“Let all wrath,  
bitterness,  
anger, clamor,  
slander, and  
malice be put  
away from you.”

## NEW REALITY

“As God in Christ  
forgave you”

## NEW PRACTICE

“Be kind to one  
another,  
tenderhearted,  
forgiving one  
another.”



**And be renewed in the  
spirit of your mind.**

EPHESIANS 4:23 KJV



To be made new in the  
attitude of your minds.

EPHESIANS 4:23 NIV