

Section 1: There are four characteristics that show we're walking according to our old nature.

"So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk...

- 1) In the futility of their mind,
- 2) Being darkened in **their** <u>understanding</u>, excluded from the life of God because of the <u>ignorance</u> that is in **them**, because of the hardness of **their** heart:
- 3) And they having become callous,
- 4) Have given **themselves** over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Section 2: There are four characteristics that show we're walking according to our new nature.

- 1) But you did not <u>learn</u> **Christ** in this way, if indeed you have heard **Him** and have been <u>taught</u> in **Him**, just as <u>truth</u> is in **Jesus**,
- 2) That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
- 3) And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
- 4) And put on the new self, which in the likeness of **God** has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Big Truth:

The freedom you want is found in the new nature you have.

We're going to see our big truth from three angles. I want you to be able to...

- Recognize the old from the new
- Reject the old by believing the new
- Renew the mind so that you can live the new

When we walk according to our old nature, it is characterized as...

- Intellectually futile (v. 17)
- Spiritually deceived (v. 18)
- Personally calloused (v. 19a)
- Completely depraved (v. 19b)

When we walk according to our new nature, it is characterized as...

- Christ-____ (v. 20)
- _____ informed (v. 21)
- Delivered from the _____ (v. 22)
- Made _____ in Christ (vv. 23-24)



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