

The Believer is to Walk Differently From the Gentiles Ephesians 04: 17–24

1. *The believer is not to walk after the Gentiles, that is, as ungodly men*

- a. With emptiness of mind
- b. With dark understanding
- c. Separated from the life of God
 - 1) Because they are ignorant of God
 - 2) Because hearts are hard
- d. Being hard, insensitive
- e. Being given over to gross sensuality
- f. Indulging in every kind of impurity

2. *The believer is to walk after Christ*

- a. The reason:
He has learned about Christ
- heard and been taught by Him
- b. The way to walk in Christ
 - 1) Put off the old person,
the old self
 - 2) Be renewed in your mind
 - 3) Put on the new person,
the new self

17 So I tell you this,
and insist on it in the Lord,
that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,
in the futility of their thinking.

18 They are darkened in their understanding
and separated from the life of God
because of the ignorance that is in them
due to the hardening of their hearts.

19 Having lost all sensitivity,
they have given themselves over to sensuality
so as to indulge in every kind of impurity,
with a continual lust for more.

20 You, however,
did not come to know Christ that way.

21 Surely you heard of him
and were taught in him
in accordance with the truth
that is in Jesus.

22 You were taught,
with regard to your former way of life,
to put off your old self,
which is being corrupted
by its deceitful desires;

23 To be made new
in the attitude of your minds:

24 And to put on the new self,
created to be like God
in true righteousness and holiness.