

The New Self, Created To Be Like God

Ephesians 4:17-32

Key Verse: 4:23-24

“...to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

1. What did Paul strongly insist on to Gentile believers in terms of lifestyle? (17) What characterized their lifestyle? (17b-19) What degenerative progression can you find here?
2. How had they been taught in regard to their former way of life? (20-22) Why was this teaching vital to them? (Ja 1:14-16; Heb 3:13)
3. Read verses 23-24. What has God done in the minds of believers? (23) What does God create in those who hear about Christ? (24; Ro 6:4,6; Col 3:10) In creating a new self in us, what hope and purpose does God have? (Ro 8:29-30)
4. What is Paul's strong admonition regarding speech in the body of Christ? (25) Why is speaking truthfully in the church important? (4:15) What should we not do when we are angry? (26-27) How must those who steal change in the attitude of their minds? (28) Why must falsehood, anger and stealing be removed from the body of Christ?
5. What should we avoid in talking, and what should our intention be? (29) What does “do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” imply? (30) Why should we not grieve the Holy Spirit? What else should we get rid of? (31)
6. What virtues should characterize our new lives in Christ? (32) How can we practice forgiveness? In light of this passage, what should we do practically as members of the body of Christ?