

***Living Worthy of My Calling***  
***“Living No Longer Like a Pagan”***

Ephesians 4:17-24

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**To live in a manner worthy of my calling,  
I must put off the old life and its ways and put on the new life in Christ.**

**1. A Reminder of Life without Christ**

**vv. 17b-19**

**(1) A Mind Devoid of Truth (17b)**

*“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord,  
that you should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk,  
in the futility of their mind,  
having their understanding darkened”*

- futile, empty, depraved

- cf. Rom. 8:6-7

**(2) A Life Lived in Moral Darkness (18)**

*“being alienated from the life of God,  
because of the ignorance that is in them,  
because of the blindness of their heart”*

-1- The whole course of the life described:  
“alienated from the life of God”

-2- The cause: an ignorance of the truth

-3- The cause behind the cause: the whole inner man hardened by sin

**(3) An Experience of Bondage (19)**

*“who, being past feeling,  
have given themselves over to lewdness,  
to work all uncleanness with covetousness.”*

-1- A conscience – violated and dysfunctional

- Gk: apelgekotes - to cease to feel pain; callous

-2- The bondage of the will and its excesses

- a willing servitude

- lewdness: Gk: aselgeia – unbridled lust

**2. Life in Christ: The Only True Opposite to Paganism!**

**vv. 20-24**

**(1) A Wonderful and Concise description of Christianity: A Learning of Christ!(20)**

*“But you have not so learned Christ”*

- True Christianity centers in the Person and life of Christ

- It is a life-long learning of Christ

**(2) A Wonderful and Concise description of Christ’s work in the Believer**

(21)

-1- At its Beginning: “you have heard Him”

*“if indeed you have heard Him  
and have been taught by Him,  
as the truth is in Jesus”*

-2- In its Process: “you have been taught by Him”

**(3) What everyone “taught of Christ” knows! *“that you put off, concerning, your former conduct, the old man... (22-24)***

-1- I am to put off the old life – the old ways.

*and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,  
and that you put on the new man”*

-2- The need to have my mind renewed.

-3- I am to put on the new life in Christ.

**Further Application**