

“OUT WITH THE OLD. IN WITH THE NEW.”

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 4:17-24

1. Out with the Old. (vv. 17-19, 22)

“Therefore” (v. 17) – looking back to 4:1

See 2:5, 11, 13 – transition from death to life; alienation to in Christ

How are you transitioning? Fast break? Walking the spiritual ball down the court of life slowly? Or rolling the ball to pause the clock to revel in the world just a little longer?

THE FORMER LIFE

- **Futility**
- **Darkened Minds**
- **Alienated from God**
- **Ignorance**
- **Callousness**
- **Indecency**
- **Practicing Evil**
- **Greediness**

OBSERVATION – v. 19 – “given themselves over” (see Rom 1:24, 26, 28)

How do we mesh the two contexts?

APPLICATION – v. 19 – “practice/ing” – not the change in our society; how are we toying with sin in our own lives rather than making a fast break from it?

2. In with the New (vv. 20-21, 23-24)

Note the shift in v. 20 = “but you did not learn about Christ like this”

THE NEW LIFE

- **God’s Image**
- **Righteousness & Holiness**
- **Truth**

TEXTUAL ISSUE?

See vv. 22-24. Speak of completed action, specific point in time (old man put off, new man put on). Is the transition already done then? Note the present tense verbs in vv. 22 & 23 which suggest present action that is taking place. The solution?

APPLICATION – As the church, we sometimes confuse what putting the new man on is with religious activity rather than practical obedience to what Jesus has called us to & pursuing him with every fiber of our being.

Out with the old man. In with the new man.

LIVE AS CHRIST & FOR CHRIST.