

Ephesians 4:17-24

Study 8: The Honourable Church Part 2



Discussion Starter

Think back in time. 6 months, a year, 2 years...

In what way are you different now to then?

If you were to name just one area in which God has changed you, what would you say?

The true gospel tells us we've passed from death to life (see Ephesians 2:1-10)

We must therefore put off the old self and put on the new.

This is easier grasped than done - the old nature is always a 'clear and present danger'.



Why is Paul writing this?

1. How does v. 17 follow on from the previous section?

2. Compare vv. 17-18 with Romans 1:18-22. What similarities do you see in the two passages?

3. What does this lead to (v. 19)?

4. By saying 'this is not the way of life you learned' (v. 20), what is Paul addressing?

5. What link might there be between v. 20 and v. 14?

6. What three 'steps' are identified in vv. 22-24?

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How does this apply to or influence us today?

1. When you came to faith, what expectation did you have? What did you think 'becoming a Christian' involved?

2. How often do we think about this battle between the old and new nature?

3. What are the greatest struggles we face (in your personal experience)?

4. How do we cope with these? Do we fervently pray through them, or do we yield to the old nature?

5. How might we go about 'putting on the new self'?

6. In what way is there a battle for our mind? How do we safeguard against the seductive whispers of the devil?