

The Holy Spirit & Me Series
The Spirit-Filled Person – Walks In Purity (Ephesians 4:17-32)

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Introduction

1. In the last half of Ephesians chapter 4 Paul continues to describe the Spirit-filled person's walk. His focus started with unity of the body of Christ and now to the purity of that body.
 2. It is time to take off the grave clothes and to put on the grace clothes!
- I. **The Admonition (17-24)**
- a. No Longer Walk Like The Rest Of The Gentiles (17-19)
 - i. The gentiles in Ephesus were particularly sinful. Temple prostitution, crime, idolatry, immorality etc. Paul's appeal is that we stop living like them!
 - ii. There is and should be a big difference between the saved and unsaved...
 1. The mind should be different – values, goals, interpretation of life.
 2. The unsaved mind is vain (futile). He does not know God nor the world around him, nor can he understand himself (Rom 1:21-25)
 3. The unsaved mind is darkened. He thinks he is wise but is only a fool (Rom 1:22; 2 Cor 4:3-6).
 4. The unsaved person's heart is petrified, turned to stone. Sin does not affect them the way it should anymore.
 - iii. The Christian is not to live like this for we have been raised out death into LIFE.
 - b. Instead, Walk In Righteousness And True Holiness (20-24)
 - i. Those who have "learned" Christ truly know Him and live IN Him. This fellowship is based upon the Word of God (the truth). Luke 24:47; John 5:39-40.
 - ii. We now walk with God but it is more than that. We do so in newness of life. We have not just changed our minds but our citizenship. We belong to God!
 - iii. In John 11 the story of Lazarus teaches us that we once smelled like death while were in sin. But now as we are raised by Christ we are told to be loosed of our grace clothes! We are to be in new clothes with a new life with Christ. But how do we do this?
 1. By the renewing of our minds day by day with faith and obedience. We have been given a new position with God and we should live like it.
 2. We must surrender to the Word of God as our minds are renewed by it. This means as we study and allow the Spirit in we then act upon what we have put in our hearts.
 3. We are what we eat. We are also what we think (Prov 23:7).