

We Are New

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.” - Ephesians 4:17-19

Jesus Christ delivers us from verses 17-19

Jesus Christ delivers us to verses 20-24

“You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.²¹ Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” - Ephesians 4:20-24

Righteousness - Right living.

Holiness – A life set apart for God’s purposes.

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.²⁶ In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.²⁸ He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” - Ephesians 4:25-32

4 areas of every-day life:

Self-Assessment

Our speech (vs. 25,29,31)

Our anger (vs. 26, 31)

Our work ethic (vs. 28)

Our way of relating (vs. 25, 32)

Small Group Questions

Read Ephesians 4:17-32

1. In regards to your personal life, what comes to your mind when you read vs. 17-19?
2. How did you come to know Christ? (v. 20)
3. In each of the 4 areas that Pastor Kent mentioned, how did you rank yourself on a scale from 1-10? Explain.
4. Has there ever been a time where you've failed in one of these 4 areas? How did you respond? What did you learn about God through it?