



Who You Were, Who You Are

Ephesians 4:17-24

Who You Were (Ephesians 4:17-19)

Futile Mind. “empty logic.” Thinking based on experiences and cultural whims.

Darkened Understanding. Emotional instability, creates anxiety and loss of hope.

Alienated from God. Desiring nothing *of* God or *from* God; not a care *about* God.

Ignorant. Failure to understand one’s sinful self; no need for a Savior.

Blindness of Heart. “hardness of attitude.” A “care-less” attitude. Stubborn.

Feeling-Based. Actions and morals are determined by in-the-moment feelings.

Lewdness. License to do anything I want, think, feel, or do.

Uncleanness. “Every sort of impure behavior” is acceptable to me.

Greed. Whatever I want, I get. Uncontrollable urge for more.

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Who You Are (Ephesians 4:20-24)

You Learned Christ

- + You “heard” Christ
- + You were “taught by Christ”
- + You understood the Truth is in Jesus

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The Truth is in Jesus!

Died for our sins Redeemed us Set us free Became sin on our behalf

Justified us Fully man Fully God Humbled Himself Reconciled us

Rose from the dead He created all things Healed the sick Helps the weary

Walked on water Fed multitudes with little Calmed the storms

Power over the demonic Power over all nature Raised the dead

Brought peace Preached repentance Transferred us from death to life

Willingly gave up His life for us Taught us to pray Removed our guilt

Overcame temptation Gives eternal life Transforms lives

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“ I AM ”

Justified us Fully man Fully God Humbled Himself Reconciled us

“I am the Good Shepherd”

Rose from the dead He created all things Healed the sick Helps the weary

“I am the Living Water”

Walked on water Fed multitudes with little Calmed the storms

“I am the Bread of Life”

Power over the demonic Power over all nature Raised the dead

“I am the Light of the World”

Brought peace Preached repentance Transferred us from death to life

“I am the Door of the Sheep”

Willingly gave up His life for us Taught us to pray Removed our guilt

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Overcame temptation Gives eternal life Transforms lives

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”

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The Two Commands (Ephesians 4:17 and 23)

Don't walk like you used to (4:17)

- + We are not bound by our old *thoughts*
- + We are not bound by our old *habits or lifestyle*

Renew your mind (4:23)

- + Renew your mind of *His completed work*
- + Renew your mind on *your new nature* He's given you

Your Lifestyle (Ephesians 4:17-24)

Who You Were (“Old Man”)

Apart from Christ Jesus

Reasoning from experience/culture

Emotionally “up-and-down.” Hindered by hopelessness

Anxiety-ridden

Failure to comprehend one’s sinfulness

Stubborn, bull-headed

Decisions based on “in-the-moment” feelings

Doing whatever I think is best for me. Actions that suit my benefit.

Unclean life, full of whatever gratifies me

Greed, whatever I want I get.

Who You Are (“New Man”)

In Christ Jesus

Reasoning moved by God and His Word (“truth”)

Emotionally more stable. We have hope!

While anxious at times, we can pray; we have Help!

Holy Spirit's conviction of sins; humility to recognize sin

Sensitive to others’ needs; spiritual sensitivity

Decisions based on wisdom, God’s Word, Godly counsel

Actions that align with God's Word

Life full of bringing glory to God

Selfless actions

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