

Ephesians 4:17- 32.

The Old and the New

Every Christian is required to live a new life that's different from the old. The change from the old life to the new would have been particularly evident in those who had come out of their pagan practices in Paul's time.

Ephesians 4:17-24

1. What are the things characterise those who are outside of Christ (verses 17-19)?
2. Give examples of people today who have done wrong for so long that they no longer see it as wrongdoing.
3. Give some examples of situations where people's hearts and minds can become ineffective in controlling their actions, to the extent that they give up trying and open themselves up to all sorts of evil? (Romans 1:21-28). Give examples of people who lead others to destruction for their own gratification.
4. What three commands does Paul give in Ephesians 4:22-24? What are the main differences between the old nature and the new nature?
5. Give an example of how we can lie by our silence as well as by our speech?
6. Since Christians are members of the same body, what will happen if different parts of that body do not speak the truth to each another? (Or true messages are not relayed from one part to another). Can you give an example of a situation where this has occurred?
7. What place does anger have in the Christian life? When is anger wrong for the Christian (verses 26, 27)? What practices are we to follow in regard to anger?
8. Why is the converted thief to turn from stealing to doing honest work (verse 28)? What examples of theft through dishonesty do we have in our society today?

9. When is talk evil? When is it edifying? Give examples of conversation which discourages or corrupts, and of conversation which encourages, purifies, and strengthens.

10. Our new life in Christ is to manifest new conduct and new character. This change should be as evident as a new outfit of clothes. Is there any part of this study that has been a particular challenge to you? Pray for each other