

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of Paul's letter to the church of Ephesus, we have transitioned into the second half of the letter which is more "practical" in nature. In this section, Paul challenges the believers to Walk Worthy of the Calling with which they were Called. What effect should the bestowal of the grace of God have in our lives practically?
- * Last week, we saw the effect that the grace of God should have in the body of Christ. That we should desire Unity within the Body - that Unity would be accomplished by the Synergy of the Body - working together for the Body to be conformed to the image of Christ.
- * Today, we begin looking at the application of God's grace to us individually ... yet, still in the context of our relationships to one another.
- * Paul, initially challenges the believers that they should be changed. In chapter 2 we saw that we "used to" walk according to the course of the world and according to the prince of the power of the air ... but that God made us alive ... unto good works which He had before ordained. He now continues to expound upon that theme.

INSTRUCTION

I. WE SHOULD HAVE A NEW WAY OF THINKING (v. 17-24)

A. You Should _____ Like the Gentiles! (v. 17-19)

1. THE E _____ OF THEIR EMPTY/FOOLISH MIND
 - a. They have had darkened understanding
 - b. They have been alienated from God
2. THE C _____ OF THEIR EMPTY/FOOLISH MIND
 - a. Their Inherent Agnosticism
 - b. Their Callous Hearts
3. THE M _____ OF THEIR EMPTY/FOOLISH MIND
 - a. Their Desire for L _____ (cf. Mark 7:20-23; Galatians 5:19ff; 1 Peter 4:3; 2 Peter 2:18)
 - b. Their Desire for "U _____ " (cf. Romans 1:24-32)

B. You Should _____ Like the Messiah! (v. 20-24)

1. THE C _____ (v. 20-21; cf. John 8:31-32; 15:8)
2. THE C _____ (v. 22-24)
 - a. You Must Choose to Put Off the Old Mindset
 - b. You Must Choose to Put On the New Mindset

Which should lead to ...

II. WE SHOULD HAVE A NEW WAY OF LIVING (v. 25-32; Galatians 5:16-25; Colossians 3:5-15)

A. S _____ with T _____ (v. 25)

B. B _____ with C _____ (v. 26-27)

C. W _____ with D _____ (v. 28)

D. C _____ with G _____ (v. 29-30)

E. F _____ with T _____ (v. 31-32)

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU WALKING WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED?
- * HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOUR WAY OF THINKING?
- * IS YOUR THINKING MORE REFLECTIVE OF THE FOOLISH GENTILES, OR OF CHRIST?
- * WHAT ABOUT THE USE OF YOUR TONGUE AND YOUR TIME? DO YOU RESEMBLE JESUS, OR THE WORLD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we help one another grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ? ... and the application of that knowledge?
- * How does "Walking Worthy" affect our evangelistic efforts?