

Ephesians 4:17-24

But You...

Points to Consider

1. The life of those ignorant of Christ
2. The life of those who have learned of Christ

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Eph 4:1-3 - We are to walk _____ of our calling.

Eph 4:17-24 Paul tells them that they should _____ walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk. The majority of the people they were still associated with did not know Christ.

Matt 7:13-14 *Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* NKJV

_____ people choose the narrow way that leads to life.

John 15:18-19 *If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.* NKJV

Unless we live like the rest of the Gentiles, they will hate us and _____ us.

Most people walk:

1. In the _____ of their own mind.

Isa 44:16-18 The rest of the Gentiles worshiped _____ crafted with man's hands.

2. Having their understanding _____.

Matt 6:22-23 *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!* NKJV

If the light is _____, how dark is the darkness.

1 Cor 3:18-23 If the wisdom of man is _____, how foolish is his foolishness?

3. ... being alienated from the life of God, because of the _____ that is in them...

2 Peter 3:3-7 - Some are _____ ignorant of the fact that God created everything.

As a result, they are ignorant that the heavens and earth will one day be burned up in the day of judgment and perdition of _____ men. The word perdition means ruin or destruction.

4. ...because of the blindness of their heart...

Matt 13:13-15 - When we choose not to understand the teachings of Jesus our hearts will grow _____ and eventually be unable to understand God's plan.

5. ...being _____ feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Rom 1:18-32 - There comes a time when men become so corrupt in their thinking and acting that God gives “them over to a _____ mind.”

When people don’t know God, they can be unloving and _____.

Practical Application: Don’t allow the world to influence your thinking! This is especially true of young people when they go away to college. Be careful what college you attend and what classes you take. Never believe you are above being influenced by the world.

The life of those who have learned Christ

Eph 4:20-24 Those who have been taught by Christ have put _____ their former way of life. Those who have been taught by Christ are _____ in the spirit of their minds.

Col 3:8-11 - Our new man is renewed in _____.

1 Cor 6:9-11 *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. NKJV*

Instead of living in sin, we have been washed and justified.

1 Thess 5:2-6 *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. NKJV*

Those who walk in darkness will be surprised by God’s judgment, but we are not in darkness and it will not come _____ for us.

1 Tim 6:10-12 *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. NKJV*

Those who love money will pierce themselves through with many sorrows, but we will flee those things and pursue _____.

2 Tim 3:12-15; 2 Tim 4:3-5; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Practical Application: Remember that we all once walked according to the world. Determine to know Christ and always remember that we are to be different from the world!