

“Out with the Old, in the with the New” 2/09/2020

Ephesians 4:17-24

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

Big Idea- The previous section 4:7-16 taught us that Jesus’ goal was to equip and build His church to increase unity, knowledge and spiritual maturity (4:12-13). The outcome would be doctrinal stability (v.14), truth acting in love (v.15), and to grow with mutual cooperation in love (v. 16). The purpose would be putting off our old life (4:17-20) and walking like Jesus in our new life (4:20-24).

LESSON 1- The successful walk recognizes our PAST

A. Our past life was self-centered and FUTILE

- 1) It was characterized by a futile mind.
- 2) We had ignorance and hardness of heart.
- 3) We are described as being callous.
- 4) We are labeled as sensual, greedy, and impure.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15

“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” Matt 7:21-23

LESSON 2- The successful walk is based on a new PURPOSE

A. Our new life begins with learning to live like Jesus.

(**John 1:17; Matt 11:16-19; 11:28-30; Luke 5:27-31; 7:37-41; 15:1-2; Luke 18:9-14-** “look down on others”?; John 8:1-11-Deut 19:15; Mark 10:21; 1 John 1:6; Galatians 6:1; 1 Cor 10:12)

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! (1 Cor. 10:12)

- B. We have laid aside our old self (Colossians 3:9-10)
- C. We are renewed in the spirit of our mind (Rom 12:1-2)
- D. We should put on true righteousness and holiness (Eph 1:4)

Going Deeper *God wants us to follow Jesus’ example in loving each other!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples