

# Living as God's New People – A Holy People

Eph.4:17-32

# 1. The new identity – v.17-24

The N.T. contrasts our identities – John 3;  
Eph.2:1-6

## a. A pagan life – v.17-19

1. Rejection of God –v.18
2. In darkness – v.17,18
3. Reckless – v.19

## b. The Christian life – v.20-24

### 1. Centred on Christ Jesus – “learned Christ”

- he is the curriculum – person & work
- he is the teacher – Mt.11:29

### 2. It is about transformation

- putting away the old –v.22; Lk.9:23; Col.3:5-9
- renewed in thinking & behaviour – v.23,24;  
Rom.12:2

## 2. Living out our new identity – v.25-32

a. Our speech – careful speech – v.25,29

- not lying but truthful – v.25
- not rotten but helpful – v.29; 5:4

b. Our anger – controlled anger – v.26,27,31

- not defensive but holy anger
- dealing with anger

c. Our possessions – careful stewards – v.28

- not stealing/selfish but working/giving

# 3. How are you living?

## God's work/our work

- what God has done/does – a new life
  - convicts us of sin – v.30
  - makes us more like Jesus-v.24,32; Gal.5:22
- what I do
  - recognize the powerful “gravity” of sin
  - use the channels of God's grace

CAN PEOPLE SEE ANY DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE?