

• **Message Notes** - Last week

Ephesians 4:17-32 **"RENEW"**

UNGODLY: What planet is that behavior from?

• 4:17

"With the Lord's authority let me say this: Live no longer as the ungodly do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their closed minds are full of darkness; they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They don't care anymore about right or wrong, and they have given themselves over to immoral ways. Their lives are filled with all kinds of impurity and greed."

• The attitudes and behavior of the ungodly are so different from the godly Christian, it is like they are from different planets. We examine ourselves to see if there is anything from the ungodly planet in our daily living.

RENEW: What am I thinking?

• 4:23 *"Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness... righteous, holy, and true."*

• Self image: The most important thing to get straight in our mind is who we are in God's eyes, that when Jesus came into our life he changed us into a *"new person created in God's likeness."* We are beloved sons and daughters. We have his abilities blessed in us. The second part of renewing is checking out what thoughts are passing through our mind - and what are our prejudices/attitudes (can also be good).

• Whatever we think about habitually becomes our self view and our world view. Behind every word and act is some thought and attitude - ways we always think. First we think-- then we feel -then we do it.

GET RID - INSTEAD: Clean up our Act

• Solve the world's problems ... At least those in our life. Make some adjustments -identify and deal with things that should "no longer" be in our life.

• 4:17,25,31 *"Live no more like the ungodly... put away... Get rid of impurity and greed..... Instead... be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God through Christ has forgiven you."*

What is at stake is escaping futility . . and not causing the Holy Spirit to worry about us.