













17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.	
<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ! — <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,	
<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceifful desires,	

<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.



# Don't Return to a Darkened Mind.

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#### The Condition of the Sinful Mind

- 1. Futile = Producing Nothing, Of No Effect.
- 2. Darkened = No Desire or Ability to Perceive the Things of God.
- 3. Lifeless = No Access to the Presence, Activity, or Blessings of God.
- 4. Ignorant = Devoid of Understanding. Empty.

Does Your Thought Life Contain

More of What Matters to the World

& the Flesh, is Your Mind Filled with

the Things of God?

## Don't Revert to a Hardened Heart.

<sup>18b</sup> due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

#### Why are They in This Shape?

- 1. Their Own Sinful Natures 1 Cor.2:14
- 2. The Blinding of Satan 2 Cor. 4:4
- 3. Gradual Surrendering to Sin Rom. 1

Where Have You Grown
Comfortable with Sin and Closed
off toward the Spirit of God?

### Don't Re-Embrace Your Former Self.

<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.





