

Learning to put on our new clothes

Ephesians 4:17-24

- I. **The way we were – Stop living like unbelievers (Ephesians 4:17-19).**
 - A. We must stop living like unbelievers because it is totally inconsistent with who we are (4:17a).
 - B. Empty, Dark Minds: Unbelievers don't understand godly living (17b, 18a).
 - C. Spiritually Dead: Unbelievers do not have a spiritual capacity because they don't have spiritual life (18b).
 - D. Obstinate Will: Ungodly living comes from deliberately hardened wills (4:18c).
 - E. Reckless Living: Unbelievers often indulge in immorality because they live to please themselves (4:19).

- II. **The way we can be – I can live differently as I “put on” my new nature which God empowers (4:20-24).**
 - A. We know the truth of how we can live because of Christ (4:20-21).
 - B. Put off – We can choose to put off our corrupt sin nature (4:22).
 - C. Think New – We can choose to be made new in our minds (4:23).
 - D. Put on – We can choose to put on our new nature – and make consistent godly choices (4:24).