

Living Connections Bible Study



Walking in Newness of Life

Text: Ephesians 4:17-24

Prayer:

Ice Breaker: 2 Corinthians 5:17 says; *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* In what ways has your life changed that would demonstrate that you have become a new creation since you became a Christian?

1. What do we learn about God's desire to give us new life in Christ from Matthew 1:21?

We were all born with a sinful nature called the flesh (also called the old man or old nature). That's why Jesus said *You must be born again – You need spiritual life from God.*

2. What kind of works or actions comes from the flesh – our old nature? Galatians 5:19-21

3. What does God expect of us once He saves us and gives us new life in Christ? Ephesians 4:17

4. Read Ephesians 4:17–19 below. Underline and discuss the different characteristics that may be evident in the lives of those who are not Christians.

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

5. What is God’s verdict on the human heart before we receive new life in Christ? Jeremiah 17:9

6. What does the Bible and the Holy Spirit teach us about our past lives when we become Christians?

Ephesians 4:20-21 _____

Titus 2:11-13 _____

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 _____

2 Corinthians 5:17 _____

7. What does it mean to *put off the old man* and *put on the new man*?

Ephesians 4:22-24 _____

Colossians 3:5-10 _____

8. How can we reprogram our minds so that we follow God's directions rather than our old nature?

Ephesians 4:23

Romans 12:1-2

2 Corinthians 3:18

My Mind

My Mind would never mind any day or any time
I did search but ner' could find a single thing to clean my mind
Then one day I took the time to read my Bible line by line
And to my joy I then did find it washed out all the dirt and grime
Verse by verse and line by line the Word brought back my peace of mind
Until today what joy I find as I read my Bible line by line

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Think About This Week:

Am I living up to the confession I made when I identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection at my baptism?

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?
Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into His death?
Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,
that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
even so we also should walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united (or buried) together in the likeness of His death,
certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

Romans 6:1-6