

Life Group Study Guide
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IDENTITY CRISIS – DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

GETTING STARTED:

If possible, in your group, watch the J.D. Greear talk on Ephesians 4:17-5:20 on Right Now Media. It is 15 minutes long. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647#6>

Read Ephesians 4:17-5:20

QUESTIONS:

1. How does Paul describe the way the Gentiles (ie. non-Jews) walk (vv 4:17-19)? Briefly describe.
2. How would you compare moral standards today with the moral standards in Paul's day?
3. In verses 4:22-24 Paul talks about putting off your "old self" and putting on your "new self". Changing our "moral" clothes.
 - a. What are some of the old person attributes (v 25 & Colossians 3:8-9)
 - b. What are some of the new person attributes (Colossians 3:12)?
4. What is the difference between "selfish anger" and "loving anger"? Give examples.
5. Verses 4:29 – 5:20 describe the negative, what not to do, and the positive, what to do. Aside from avoiding "deeds of darkness" what should we do about them?
 - a. As you compare the life that you lived before Christ to the life you live today, where have you seen the greatest change? In your language? Your desires? Your values? The way you treat your spouse? Your children?

Suggested Reading - If there is time, discuss how these verses confirm what Paul is saying in Ephesians 4:17-5:20.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:16-23, Colossians 3:5-10, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Romans 1:21-23, Galatians 4:8, John 3:19-21, Matthew 4:48, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 4:11, Matthew 18:33, Colossians 3:12-14, 1 Peter 4:8, Matthew 25:35-36, Proverbs 12:23, Matthew 12:34-37, Colossians 3:5-10, James 3:3-12, Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Revelation 21:27, 1 John 3:7-8.

BOTTOM LINE:

Take off the Grave-clothes and put on the Grace-clothes!

