

Ephesians 4:17-32 The Different Life



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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

- 1. Share one daily routine that is helping you stay physically fit.
- 2. Share one daily routine that is helping you maintain your mental sanity.

Two Different Ways of Life 4:17-21

- 1. Either we are living for God or we are living against God. TRUE WAFFLE FALSE
- 2. How does Paul describe living "as the Gentiles do" (peoples of the world).
- 3. What are some of the reasons why living different than the world is crucial?
- 4. How would you explain verses 20 and 21 in your own words?
- 5. How does 1 Corinthians 1:27-30 describe life in Christ? How have you experienced this difference in your own life?

How Different Happens 4:22-24

- 1. What is it that we are to "put off"? (verse 22) How does that happen?
- 2. How are we "to be renewed in the spirit of your minds"? (verse 23)
- 3. What is it that we are to "put on"? (verse 24) How does that happen?

What Different Looks Like 4:25-29

- 1. How does Paul describe life in Christ?
- 2. Reality check: What parts of Paul's description would others say is characteristic of your life? ...or not?
- 3. Most Christians are living like what Paul describes in verses 25 to 29. TRUE WAFFLE FALSE

Paul's Pulling It All Together Points 4:30-32

- 1. Living different is living yielded to the Holy Spirit (verse 30)
 - 1) How does one "yield" to the Holy Spirit?
 - 2) These days, what does "yielding to the Holy Spirit" look like for you?
- 2. Living different is rejecting anything that smacks of ungodly behavior towards others (verse 31)
 - 1) What practical suggestions can you offer (coming from your own personal experience) that may help others to reject what is ungodly behavior?
- 3. Living different is to demonstrate heart level godly behavior towards others (verse 32)
 - 1) What practical suggestions can you offer (coming from your own personal experience) that may help others to demonstrate coming from the heart godly behavior towards others?

Processing all that...

1. Thinking through all of the above, how would you describe what it means to live different because of who God has made you to be in Christ? This week, what steps will you take to live differently?