

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians 4:23-24 NLT

This is _____! In Christ we do not have to _____, but can be _____!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

There is action to take: to _____.
(Matthew 16:24, Hebrews 12:1)

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 13:11-14 NLT



Radical News

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With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.

Ephesians 4:17 NLT

The default blueprint for the human life, outside of God, will be determined by:

_____: the system that is created so that we can rely solely on ourselves

_____: our in-built instinct to avoid pain and maximize pleasure

_____: the deceiver, the enemy of our souls who wants to see us dead and separated from the God of all life

The result of a life fundamentally constructed around these factors: _____

[Ephesians 4:14; Isaiah 5:20]

Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

Ephesians 4:18 NLT

The words of Jesus:

"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

John 12:46 NLT

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."

John 3:19 NLT

The result of a pursuit of darkness over light: a _____
and a _____
[Isaiah 44:18; Hebrews 3:12-13]

"They've refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God but with reality itself. They can't think straight anymore."

The Message
(parphrase by Eugene Peterson)

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF ALL THIS?

They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:19 NLT

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools...

...Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator...

Romans 1:21-22/24-25 NLT

In choosing to construct lives apart from God, human history has consistently shown the end result to be _____
_____ and _____.

But that isn't what you learned about Christ.

Ephesians 4:20 NLT

Jesus came to demonstrate and make available a _____.

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him...

Ephesians 4:21 NLT

Q: Who is Jesus?

A: He is the promised _____ - God, _____,
_____ to himself in _____.
(Luke 9:18-20)

Q: What is the truth?

A: The _____ is available _____!
(Mark 1:15)

Q: How does this truth come into our hearts and minds?

A: By the _____.
(John 16:13-14)

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

Ephesians 4:22 NLT

There is action to take: to _____...
(Mark 1:15; Luke 13:1-5; 2 Timothy 2:19)

....and it is an _____ experience.

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:21-25 NLT (the words of Paul, himself)