
New Usness: perspective and patterns

Ephesians 4:20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. ²¹ Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:21 ... when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

Corrupted – *phthēirō* -

Deceitful – *apatē* -

Ephesians 4:23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Attitude – *pnēuma* -

Righteousness – *dikaiōsunē* -

Holiness- *hōsiōs* -

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Ephesians 4:17-24

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Ephesians:

Eph. 1: God chose , redeemed, seals and empowers you.

Eph. 2: Man's predicament, But God saved you, even us!

Eph. 3: God uniting people, people knowing God, people loving people.

Eph. 4: Usness, Usness serving, Old Usness, New Usness

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The downward spiral of sin

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the divisions soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Ephesians 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Futility - *mataiōtēs* -

Romans 6:20-21 For when you were slaves of sin ... what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

■ Darkened- skōtōō - ■

Hardening- porosis –

■ The terror of sin is its petrifying effect. ■

Ephesians 4:18 ... and separated from the life of God

■ *Ephesians 4:19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. ...having lost all sensitivity-* ■

■ Sensuality- asēlgēia - ■

...so as to indulge in every kind of impurity-

Indulge -ērgasia -

Eph. 5:3 But immorality and all impurity must not even be named among you as is fitting among God's people.

■ *1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.* ■

...with a continual lust for more. Plēōnēxia –

■ **Summary:** ■

1. Man's heart can become so petrified that he does not even know he is sinning.

■ 2. We can become so dominated by sin that even shame does not stop us. ■

3. We can become so driven by our desires that we will justify almost anything, any hurt to others, as long as our desires are temporarily satisfied.

■ The stunning loss of godly perspective and the naïve patterns of living cause our downfall. ■
