### **New Usness: perspective and patterns**

Ephesians 4:20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. <sup>21</sup> 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 – phthěirō-

Deceitful – apatē -

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

Attitude – pněuma -

Righteousness – dikaiŏsunē -

Holiness- hŏsiŏs -

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#### **Perspective and Patterns**

Ephesians 4:17-24 September 21, 2025

## **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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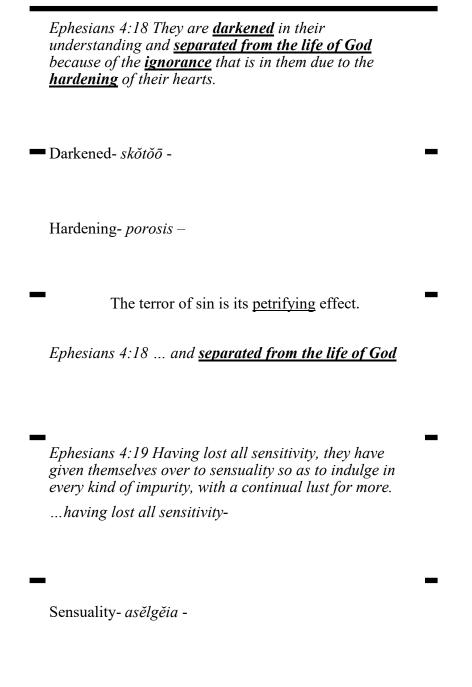
### The downward spiral of sin

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 - mataiŏtĕs -

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.



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

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. Plěŏněxia –

### **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.