

Introduction: “A tale of two butterflies”

A new life always *demands* a new lifestyle

2 Corinthians 5:17

WARNING: Two common errors to avoid

1. Moralism
2. Antinomianism

A believer whose life does not change = An Oxymoron:

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NIV)

*¹⁷So 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.*



*^{18a}They are darkened in their understanding
and separated from the life of God*



*^{18b}because of the ignorance that is in them
due to the hardening of their hearts.*



*¹⁹Having 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.*

²⁰You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.



*²¹Surely you heard of Him
and were taught in Him,
in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.*



*²²You were taught with regard to your former way of
life,*

- *to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;*
- *²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds;*
- *²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like
God in true righteousness and holiness.*

1. As believers, our lives must be progressively characterized by _____
_____.

Ephesians 4:17-19

2. An _____ is inconceivable for us as
believers for two reasons:

a) It contradicts _____ we are! Ephesians 4:20

b) It contradicts _____ Christ is! Ephesians 4:21

3. We achieve _____ by following God’s three-fold principles of transformation.

Ephesians 4:22-24

a) “Put-off” (point in time) **the old!**

b) _____ (continuously) in the spirit of your mind!

c) “Put-on” (point in time) **the new!**

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you summarize the main point outlined in Ephesians 4:17-24?

2. Briefly discuss the three views of moral purity as it relates to a believers life.

- Moralism** – My moral purity earns God’s favor.
- Antinomianism** – Moral purity is irrelevant because grace super abounds when I sin.
- Biblical** – Moral purity is the natural outgrowth of who I am as a child of God and it reflects His character and holiness.

3. In what area of your life did God convict you personally? In what ways do your thinking, actions, speech, or attitude not reflect the “new you?”

4. What will it look like this week to follow God’s three-fold principles for transformation? Be as specific as possible.

(a) I will “put off” _____ this week by . . .

(b) I will “renew my mind” this week by _____ . . .

(c) I will “put on” _____ this week by . . .