

Let Us Be Renewed  
(Ephesians 4:17-24)

Introduction

1. The theme of Ephesians is "the glorious church."
2. In ch.1-3 we are able to learn a number of more "doctrinal" matters that relate to the church.
3. In ch.4-6 we are able to learn a number of more "practical" responsibilities that relate to members of the church.
4. Our lesson is based on the responsibility given in 4:23 to "*be renewed.*"
5. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. RENEWAL BEGINS WHEN WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
  - A. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, those who are in Christ have been renewed.
  - B. The Bible teaches us how to get into Christ so we can be renewed in:
    1. Galatians 3:26-29
    2. Romans 6:3-7
    3. Titus 3:3-7.
  - C. This is how the people in Ephesus had been renewed (Acts 19:5).
- II. RENEWAL CONTINUES AFTER WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
  - A. The instruction in Ephesians 4:23 is for Christians.
  - B. Notice 2 activities mentioned in connection with renewal.
    1. First, Ephesians 4:22 teaches us to "put off" the old man.
      - a. To be more specific, we are to "put away" the sinful activities listed in Ephesians 4:25-31.
      - b. Also, see Colossians 3:5-9.
    2. Second, Ephesians 4:24 teaches us to "put on" the new man.
      - a. To be more specific, we are to "put on" the good activities listed in Ephesians 4:32.
      - b. Also, see Colossians 3:12-14.
- III. ADDITIONAL MATTERS THAT RELATE TO RENEWAL
  - A. Renewal is available to those who "*wait upon the Lord*" (Isaiah 40:31).
  - B. We are to ask God for renewal (Psalm 51:10).
  - C. The "renewing of our minds" is a key to being transformed (Romans 12:1-2).
  - D. Inward renewal deserves our daily attention (2 Corinthians 4:16).

Conclusion:

1. Have you begun your renewal process by being baptized into Christ?
2. Are you continuing to be renewed?