

But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:20-24 (ESV)

Changed Heart And Renewed Mind

I have broken the power of sin and darkness over your old life. When you turned away from you sin and gave your life to me, I forgave your sin and cleansed you of all your unrighteousness. I washed you and gave you a completely new and fresh life to live in me. I set you on a firm foundation. You began, and are continuing, to love, following and serve me. Your old life, that you once lived, is now like a set of dirty and stinky old clothes. You took them off. They have been thrown away. There is nothing that should be appealing about them. You should have no desire to put those dirty and stinky old clothes, of your old life, back on. Then I have a question. **Go ahead, ask your question, I'm listening.** I have a problem. **What's that?** I don't know how, I'm not sure why, but somehow and sometimes I am tempted to put back on those dirty and stinky clothes of my old life. **I've noticed that.**

It is your desire to put off your old life and put on the new life that I have called you to live. Yes, I want to completely and fully live the new life you have called me to live. **You are having difficulty putting off your old life and putting on your new life in me.** Yes, there has been an ongoing battle in my heart and mind over what kind of life I will live. **I am glad that you have identified the battle ground. You are right to say that the battle that rages in you is in your heart and mind. You cannot change your heart. You cannot transform your mind. On your own you cannot win the battle that is raging in your heart and mind.** I'm certain of that. **I have already won that battle for you. You need to live and walk in the victory that I have secured for you.** How will I do that? **How will I change your heart and transform your mind? What tool have I made available to you, that will change your heart and transform your mind? What tool will make you able to keep putting off your old life and keep putting on your new life?** You have given me your word. **That's right. Let my word dwell in you richly. Meditate on my word day and night. As my word dwells in you, the Holy Spirit will take my word and use it like a sword to fight in you, with you and for you. My word will strengthen you. My word will make you able to stand against temptation. My word will make you able to put off your old life and put on the new life I have already given you to live. Will you allow my word to change your heart and transform your mind?** Yes Lord, I will let your word dwell in me richly as I meditate on it day and night. I will allow your word to change my heart and transform my mind. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for breaking the power that my old life had over me. Thank you for making it possible for me to live a new life in you. Use your word to renew and transform my mind as I put off my old life and put on the new life that you have given me to live. Amen

Be *Made New*

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

NIV Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renew*

But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

NLT Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

NRSV Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

But you did not so learn Christ! Assuming that you have really heard Him *and* been taught by Him, as [all] Truth is in Jesus [embodied and personified in Him], Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts *and* desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

AMP Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

NASB Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

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ESV Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

NKJV Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Renewed*

But that's no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

MSG Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Constantly Changing*

But that isn't the way Christ taught you! If you have really heard his voice and learned from him the truths concerning himself, then throw off your old evil nature—the old you that was a partner in your evil ways—rotten through and through, full of lust and sham. Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better. Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.

TLB Ephesians 4:20-24

Be *Made New*

But what you learned in Christ was not like this. I know that you heard about him, and you are in him, so you were taught the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught to leave your old self—to stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse, because people are fooled by the evil things they want to do. But you were taught to be made new in your hearts, to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God—made to be truly good and holy.

NCV Ephesians 4:20-24

Renewed

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Be – Ephesians 4:20-24

In Context: *Read Ephesians 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for breaking the power that my old life had over me. Thank you for making it possible for me to live a new life in you. Use your word to renew and transform my mind as I put off my old life and put on the new life that you have given me to live. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When did you come to receive forgiveness and cleansing of your sin from your Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ?

How has Jesus Christ broken the power that your old and sin filled life had over you?

How have you taken off the dirty, filthy clothes of your old life?

How are you allowing the Lord to use His word to renew and transform your mind?

How is the ongoing renewal of your mind helping you to keep from putting your old sinful life back on?

How is the ongoing renewal of your mind helping you to put on the new life you have in Christ?

How different does your old life look from the new life that you now have in Jesus Christ?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to renew your mind with His word as you put off your old life and put on your new life in Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will renew your mind as put off your old life as you put on your new life in Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are allowing the Lord to renew your mind with His word.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to renew your mind as you put off your old life and put on your new life in Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to renew my mind as I put off my old life and put on my new life in you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to renew my mind my mind as I put off my old life and put on my new life in you?
