Never Going Back

*Ephesians 4:17-24*

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*NAS* ***Ephesians 4:17-24*** *This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 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, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

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Intro:

* Preaching Point: *God gave this passage to you this morning so that you would pursue your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

1. **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Old R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life, v 17-19**
   1. Because it is Lovingly C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord.”
   2. Because it is Utterly U\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “You walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk in the futility of their mind,” v17b
      1. Explanation: “futility of their mind”
      2. Reasons:
         1. Man Does Not Have the A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Follow Christ in himself.
            1. He Lacks Spiritual D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “being darkened in their understanding”
            2. He Lacks Spiritual V\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “excluded from the life of God”
            3. He Lacks Spiritual K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “because of the ignorance that is in them”
            4. He Lacks Spiritual A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “because of the hardness of their heart”
         2. Man Does Not Have the W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Follow Christ in himself, “have given themselves to sensuality”
            1. Explanation: “have given themselves to sensuality”
            2. Reasons:

He Feels N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ For God, “having become callous”

He Feels E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ For Sin, “for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.”

1. **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your New R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life, v 20-24**
   1. It is p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him.”, v20-21
   2. It is d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “just as truth is in Jesus”, v21
   3. It is t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, v22-24
      1. Departure from Old Life, v22 “you lay aside the old self”
      2. Pursuit of New Life, v23-24
         1. Change begins i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, v23 “that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind”
         2. Change requires e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, v24

Conclusion: