

God's new community week 8

A community living as new people

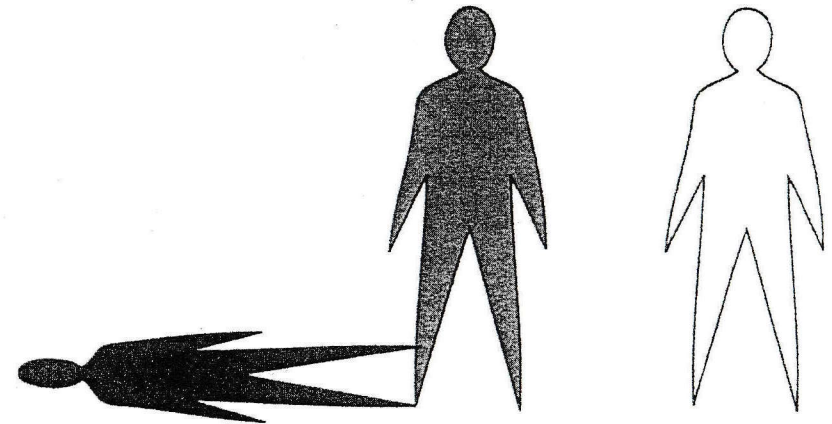
Digging deeper notes on Ephesians 4:17-32 week beginning 29 October

1. How can a person enter the Kingdom of God?
2. Describe what a person is like without God (v17-19. Also 2:1-3)
3. We need to "put off" certain behaviour traits that are not Christlike
 - Lying : v25. Think of different types of lying
 - Anger : v26. When does anger become sinful? How can the devil get a foothold here? v27
 - Stealing : v28. Think of different ways of stealing or taking that which does not belong to you? Who benefits when we stop? v28
 - Unwholesome talk : v29. What does this include?
 - Bitterness : v31. How can this wreck a person and a church?
 - Slander : v31. Define slander and malice.
4. What is the reaction of the Holy Spirit to all this? v30
5. What is destroyed by this behaviour? (4:3) Why "make every effort?"
6. Thinking of "putting on" our new clothes :
 - What does it mean to "speak truthfully" v25?
 - How can we use words to edify each other? v25,29
 - How can we implement verse 32 in our church family?
7. Why is the mind so important? v17,23. Rom 12:2; Col 3:16; Ps 1:3
8. Live, by God's grace, with your new clothes on!

THE OLD & NEW SELF (Eph 4:22-32)

LAY ASIDE THE
OLD SELF

PUT ON THE
NEW SELF



LAY ASIDE -

- lying
- sinful anger
- stealing
- corrupt communication
- bitterness
- wrath, clamour
- evil speaking, malice

PUT ON -

- truth speaking
- sinless anger
- labor, work with hands
- words of edification
- kindness
- tenderheartedness
- forgiveness