

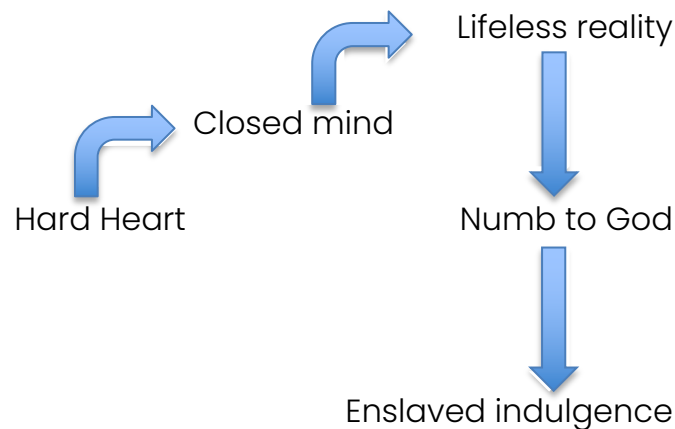
Living in Grace

Made New – Ephesians 4:17-24

The Old Way of Life

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In what ways have you been trying to fill your God-shaped hole with something other than God?

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In Jesus we are made new from the _____.

Living in Grace: Made New

Questions based on sermon from September 24, 2023

Getting to Know Me

1. What is something you've made or built lately? Do you enjoy the process of creating? Think through the steps of completing a project. What part do you enjoy most (the planning, the hands-on, the problem solving, the completion)?
2. What has your "spiritual house" been like lately: a safe castle? A leaky hut? A new house under construction? An old house needing to be propped up?

Digging Deeper

3. What new insight, challenge, moment, or question impacted you through Sunday's worship experience?
4. Read Ephesians 4:23-24. Think about the phrases, "put on" and "made new." What do these verses reveal about what is God's part and what is our part? Is it a solo project or a team effort? When will this renovation be completed?
5. If we are "created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (4:24), what does being like God look like in our lives?
 - Reflect again on verses 25-32 for what we need to put off, put on:
 - Read 1 John 4:7-12. How do these verses work themselves out in your life?

6. Think about your identity in Jesus—you have been made new. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.
 - How have you been feeling about yourself lately?
 - How does the truth in this passage impact your self-understanding?
 - How does that feel to know you are chosen by God—that you belong to Him?
7. What thoughts do you have about seeing so many people baptized this week? What questions do you have about baptism?
8. Read Romans 6:4. Why do you think God asks us to be baptized? It's often said baptism is a physical picture of the spiritual experience of salvation. How is that true?
9. Read Romans 6:5-7. How do these verses compare to our study in Ephesians 4? Do you see any new insights in this passage?

Where Do I Go from Here?

Meditate on your character. What changes have you seen God make in you as you follow Him? Do you love more? Do you forgive easier? How is God helping you put on godly character traits?

Have you been baptized? Contact the church office if you'd like to learn more about taking the faith step of baptism.

Prayer

Using your own words, write out a prayer asking God to make you more like Him this week.

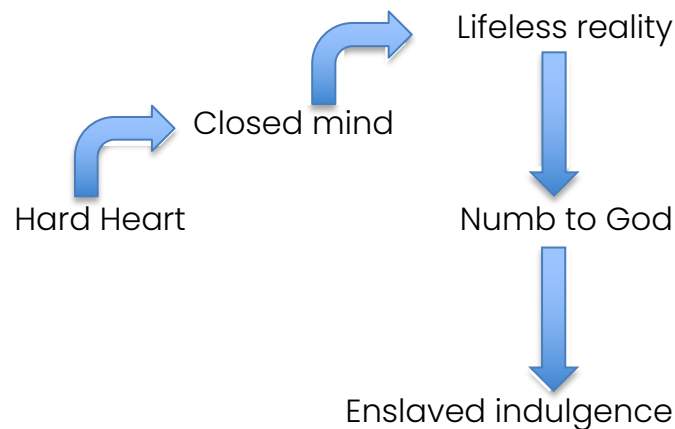
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