

1) To live up to who we are in Christ, new people created according to God, we must have learned Christ, 4:20-21.

- We have heard him.
- We have been taught by him.
- Our mindset is different, our perspective is dramatically altered, cf. Isaiah 8:11-14.

2) To live up to who we are in Christ, we must quit living and thinking like everyone else, 4:22, 17-19.

- Often we look at this as caricature - futility of their mind, understanding darkened, alienated from the life of God, ignorant, blind hearts, past feeling - but this is anyone who is not being taught by Jesus Christ.
- Pick the most noble person you know who is not under the instruction of Jesus Christ. This is that person.
- This is you and me if we are not in submission to the Son of God.

3) To live up to who we are in Christ, our minds must be renewed and we must put on the new person, 4:23-24.

- The new person has "a dawn." Always has the perspective of the light of dawn. See Proverbs 4:18, Matthew 4:16, Isaiah 8:19-20.

4) To live up to who we are in Christ, it helps to know what the new person should look like, 4:25-32.

- Puts away lying - steps into the reality of God's world.
- Honest communication with brothers and sisters in Christ.
- No stealing, 4:28.
- No corrupt words, only grace words, 4:29.
- Doesn't grieve the Holy Spirit, 4:30.
- Done with bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and bad feeling (malice), 4:31. Not part of her world any longer.
- Immersed in kindness, tenderheartedness, forgiveness, 4:32.

The light of dawn ...



But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day (Proverbs 4:18).

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned (Matthew 4:16).

When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn (Isaiah 8:19-20).

For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!' In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. 13 It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread. 14 Then He shall become a sanctuary" (Isaiah 8:11-14a).

And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:24 ESV).

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB95).

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