**20210228 Sensitivity or Sensuality – Hope Again Part 4**

**Ephesians 4:17-24**

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.

21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

22 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;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**1. Call to a new way of living (v17)**

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**2. Fundamental characteristics of the life of this world (v18)**

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**3. Practical reality of the life of this world (v19)**

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**New life necessitates new way of living!**

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**4. Believers’ data source: Truth (v21)**

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**5. How to grow in truth (vv22-24)**

Living in truth: The life of faith

The ultimate goal of the life of faith: Salvation of our souls

1 Peter 1:9

9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Practical methods of the life of faith**

**(1) Put off the old self**

22 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;

**(2) Renew the mind**

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

**(3) Put on the new self**

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.