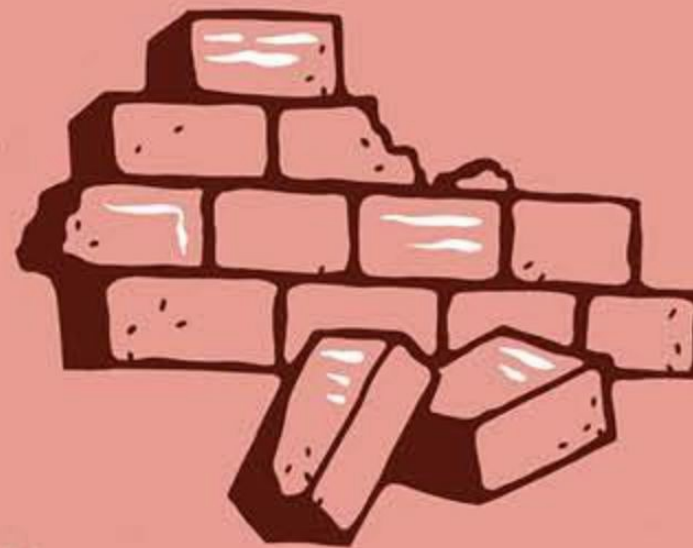




EPHESIANS

4:17 – 21



Ephesians 4:17 – 18

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. 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.

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Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.





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- **The futility of the unregenerate mind.**
- **The promise of the regenerate mind.**

The futility of the unregenerate mind

Six Facets of Futility

- *Hardness*
- *Ignorance*
- *Darkness*
- *Alienation*
- *Sensuality*
- *Uncleanness*

The futility of the unregenerate mind



Hardness

- Like a stone toward all that is spiritual
- God's truth does not move me

The futility of the unregenerate mind



Darkness

- “... people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)
- Avoid “the light” of the truth because I don’t want to feel guilt

The futility of the unregenerate mind

- I can know 10,000 things and still be ignorant
- I don't know why things exist
 - "For in him all things were created...all things have been created through him and for him." (Col. 1:16)



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Alienation



- **Hardness, darkness and ignorance separate me from God.**
- **It is a self-imposed separation because God's grace is available**

The futility of the unregenerate mind



Sensuality

- **Without God my heart is drawn like a magnet to the pleasures of the material world**
- **Gratification of the body or the ego become paramount**

The futility of the unregenerate mind



- **Hardness, darkness, ignorance, alienation and sensuality lead to...**
- **Every kind of evil action.**
- **Even my good is motivated by selfish concerns (Matt. 6:1–18)**

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***But God did not plan for me
to live in futility!***



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**Hear and
Understand**

- This is the opposite of hardness and ignorance
- God's truth makes sense

The Promise of the regenerate mind



**Life-Long
Learner**

- **Focus on Christ**
- **God's truth inspires and motivates me**

The Promise of the regenerate mind

Applications

- **Be all in.**
- **Focus on the moment at hand.**
- **Train yourself to follow when you don't feel like it.**
- **Train yourself to follow when you don't fully understand.**

The Promise of the regenerate mind

What makes Jesus the best Teacher?

- **He knows everything.**
- **He goes with you everywhere.**
- **He empowers your efforts to learn.**
- **He loves you unconditionally.**
- **He knows how to train you.**
- **He is loooooong suffering.**

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