



## Living Beyond Yourself

### *A Study Through Ephesians*

#### Some Assembly Required

Ephesians 4:17-19

Blessings and gifts from Ephesians chapters 1-4

1:3 Overall: Blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ

1:5 Adopted us as his children

1:6 Given us his grace

1:7 Redeemed through his blood

1:7 Forgiven from our sins

1:9 Allowed salvation along with the Jews

1:13-14 Given the Holy Spirit

2:5 Made us alive with Christ

2:6 Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms

2:18 Given access to God the Father by the Holy Spirit

2:19 Made fellow citizens with God's people...

2:19 ...and members of God's household

3:6 Made heirs with Israel

3:12 We can approach God with freedom and confidence

3:18-19 Loved by Christ more than our natural minds can grasp

4:7-16 Given specific gifts – functional forms of grace – to help each other grow to maturity in Christ, and in unity.

#### The positive response: (4:1)

\_\_\_\_\_ a life worthy of the calling you have received

#### The negative response: (4:17)

Stop \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_

Stop \_\_\_\_\_ like unbelievers

4:17 – ...in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_

a) This is a self imposed condition

b) Ignorance, not stupidity. Twisted worldview.

4:19 The end result – insatiable \_\_\_\_\_

“All men seek happiness. This is without exception”

-Blaise Pascal

The process:

Truth rejected – self caused ignorance – Darkened understanding / no experience of God – no sensitivity of what is truly good – runaway impurity

Romans 12:2 be transformed by the renewing of your \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:11 \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves dead to sin

1 Peter 1:13

...prepare your minds for action ... “Be Holy, because I am Holy”