"SELFIES" Series "Being the People God Designed Us to Be" Message #4 of 5

THEME VERSE: Ephesians 4:24 "Put on the new self, created to be like God, in true righteousness and holiness."

"CLOTHED IN CHRIST"

God created us to be made new with the truth that is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:17-27
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"Realize what you are and be that." – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

1. KNOW THE TRUTH – (v.20-21)

"You did not come to <u>know Christ</u> that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him." – v.20b-21a

- 1st Timothy 1:15
- 2nd Timothy 2:11

"... in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus." - v.21b

A. PUT OFF ... *THE OLD* – (v.22)

"With regard to your former way of life, <u>put off</u> your old self which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires ... and <u>put off</u> falsehood." – v.22 & 25a

- Galatians 2:20
- Romans 6:6-7, 17-18

"... corrupted by its <u>deceitful</u> desires." – v.22c

B. PUT ON ... *THE NEW* – (v.23-24)

"Be made <u>new</u> in the attitude of your minds, and <u>put on</u> <u>the new self</u>, created to be like God ..."

- Ephesians 2:15
- 2nd Corinthians 5:17
- Isaiah 43:18-19
- Isaiah 65:17

"Never be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence." – Anonymous

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." – Romans 12:2

"... in true righteousness and holiness." – v.24b

2. <u>APPLY THE TRUTH</u> – (v.25-27)

"Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

• James 1:22

"... speak <u>truthfully</u>." – v.25b

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "Anger"

1 – "In your anger do not sin."

- 2 Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."
- 3 "And do not give the devil a foothold."

"If you find that, despite all the efforts to forgive, your anger and bitterness cannot subside, you may need to look deeper and ask, 'What am I defending?

What is so important that I cannot live without?"

- Timothy Keller, "The Healing of Anger"