

WHICH WAY AM I GOING?
Ephesians 4:17-24 & Romans 1:18-32
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Gentiles refers to the _____ (v.17)

How Believers and Unbelievers think Different

Mind (4:17, 23) Understanding (4:18) Learned Christ (v.20)

Gentiles/Nonbelievers:

Have _____ in minds because of _____ (vv.17-18)

Futility/Vanity: mataiotees - what is devoid of truth and appropriateness (Thayer's)

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, - Romans 1:21-23 (NASU)

Their condition is due to _____ (v.18)

Ignorance: agnoia - (here including the idea of willful blindness: see Romans 1:28, not the "ignorance" which mitigates guilt) (Vine's)

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. - Romans 1:28 (NIV)

Their darkness is due to _____ (v.18)

Hardness: (porosis) of heart (kardia) (NIV, NASU) (v.18)

Hardness: pōrōsis - blindness, hardness, from poroo; a kind of stone; to petrify (Strong's)

The Greek word translated "hardness" is pōrōsis [4457], which indicates a stony, petrified condition (Swindoll)

Manifests as a _____ (4:18-19)

Over time they: Become callous (NASU) Lost all sensitivity (NIV)
Being past feeling (KJV) (v.19)

Having "lost all sensitivity" they _____ their sin (v.19)

Sensuality/Lasciviousness: aselgeia - unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence (Thayer's)

The man who has **aselgeia** in his soul does not care how much he shocks public opinion so long as he can gratify his desires (Barclay)

_____ **of impurity** (NASU) uncleanness (KJV) (v.19)

Akatharsia: impurity, physically or morally (Strong's)

What it leads to is a _____ (v.19)

With greediness (NASU) ...a continual lust for more - Ephesians 4:19 NIV

The End Result: _____ from the _____ (v.18)

Now to Believers: (vv.20-24)

I learn Christ through _____ (v.20)

Learn: manthano - learn by use and practice (Thayer's)

Jesus is the _____ and the _____

Learn Christ: (v.20) heard Him, taught in Him (v.21)

Change into a new kind of _____ and _____ (vv.22-24)

Lay aside the old self (v.22)

Be renewed in the spirit (attitude NIV) of your mind (v.23)

And put (enduo) on the new self (v.24)

Enduo: in the sense of sinking into a garment clothe with (KJV), put on (Strong's)