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You MUST no longer walk (live) as (unsaved) Gentiles do, if their futility (empty results).

How are all unsaved described? **4:18, 2:12; Acts 26:17-18; Rom.1:21-23, 28; Mt.13:15**

Their understanding is dark (no light), separated from God's life, because of hard heart!

And what is the end result of this darkness? **4:19; IPet.2:12-14; IITim.4:2; Rom.1:18-32**

They become callous (hardened to truth), give themselves to sensuality, every impurity!

What is the warning given here? **4:20-21, 1:13; IICor.5:15; Titus 2:11-14; Lu.10:16; IJn,5:10-12**

This does not describe you, assuming you have heard of Him, were taught of Him, Jesus!

If you were taught of Him what has happened? **4:22, 2:3; Col.3:5-10; IPet.2:1-2; Rom.6:6**

You were taught to 'put off your old self' which belongs to your former corrupt life style.

And what's the first thing that should happen? **4:23; Rom.12:2; Col.3:10; Titus 3:5-9; Rom.8:6**

Be renewed by the Spirit in our minds. To know the good, perfect, acceptable will of God!

Then what's next? **4:24, 6:11; Rom.13:12-14; Col.3:10-14; IICor.4:16-17; Titus 2:14**

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