

Portrait of a Pagan

Ephesians 4:17-19

I. Introduction

II. Intellectual Futility v. 17

- A. Your life must match your spiritual identity. v. 17 (Eph. 2:2, 2:11-13, 2:15-16; Rom. 1:21-23; Acts 26:18; Mat. 10:5)
- B. Don't follow after empty pursuits. v. 17b (Rom. 1:21-23; 1 Peter 4:3-4)

III. Darkened and Dead v. 18

- A. Are you spiritually blind? v. 18a-c (Eph. 2:12, Rom. 1:21ff, 1 Cor. 2:14, John 9:40-41)
- B. Is your heart hardened and desensitized? v. 18b (Rom. 1:18, Ezek. 36:26)

IV. Reckless Abandonment to Sin v. 19

- A. Pagans are enslaved to their wicked behavior. v. 19a (1 Tim. 4:2; Jude 4; Eph. 4:19; Rom. 1:24, 26, 28)
- B. Have you lost your moral sensitivity? v. 19b (Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Pet. 2:22)

V. Conclusion / Application (Eph. 4:20-21, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Jer. 6:15)