

Week 8 - A new set of clothes (Ephesians 4:17-5:4)

Romans 1:18-32

Ephesians 4:17-19

Stage 1: Obstinacy	
v.18 Men ... by their wickedness suppress the truth v.21 Although they knew God they did not honor him as God v.28 They did not see fit to acknowledge God	v.18 Due to their hardness (<i>porosis</i>) of heart
Stage 2: Darkness	
v.21 They became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened v.22 They became fools v.28 A base mind	v.17 The futility of their minds v.18a They are darkened in their understanding v.18b The ignorance that is in them
Stage 3: Death or judgment	
v.24 Therefore God gave them up v.26 For this reason God gave them up v.28 God gave them up	v.18 They are ... alienated from the life of God
Stage 4: Recklessness	
God gave them up to: v.24 Impurity v.26 Dishonorable passions v.27 Shameless acts v.28 Improper conduct v.29ff All manner of wickedness	v.19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness (<i>aselgeia</i> , meaning public indecency of a shameless kind), greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness

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put off	put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness
deceitful desires	4:24
falsehood	4:25
anger	4:26-7
stealing	4:28
unwholesome talk	4:29
bitterness, rage, anger	4:32-5:2
sexual immorality, impurity, greed	5:3
obscenity, foolish talk, coarse joking	5:4