

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a


A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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1. PRAISE - We were recently led a conference in Turkey and Germany where 18 people accepted Christ as their personal savior!
2. PRAISE - Brother “A” was saved last year and was asked to start a discipleship group among Arabs. He now has over 30 people taking part in his group!
3. PRAY - Islam is overwhelming large portions of Germany. Please pray God would intervene and make his name great amongst the Germans!

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GROWTH GUIDE



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Stronger Together In Purity

The sense is that we did put on this new man once and for all at the point of conversion, but we must continue putting on this new man every day by making true in our experience what is actually true of us positionally. In other words, we must live by applying the truth of the new man in every situation that we face.

Note several things about this new man. First, while Paul is applying it individually here, it also has a corporate aspect. He used the phrase, “new man,” in 2:15 to describe the church as the new creation of Jew and Gentile in Christ. Whereas the old man lived for self, the new man considers others ahead of self. Whereas the old man was full of racial prejudice and pride, the new man erases those distinctions and views others in the body equally as brothers in Christ. This corporate aspect of the new man implies that if you are not involved with a local church, where you are being built together with other believers, then you do not understand a major part of the new way in which you are supposed to live.

Second, God is the creator of this new man. As we saw in Ephesians 2:10, “we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” This shows that the changed life of the believer is not something that we must conjure up by our own will power. God created us anew in Him. But, at the same time, we must walk in the good works that He has prepared for us.

Third, God is the pattern of this new man. It has been created (literally) “according to God.” Specifically, Paul mentions “righteousness and holiness of the truth.” These qualities are essentially synonymous, but righteousness refers to living according to God’s standards, whereas holiness has the nuance of essential purity. Both qualities are the result of the truth, namely, the truth as it is in Jesus. In other words, the truth of sound doctrine results in holy living.

We don’t all have dramatic conversions, as the apostle Paul did. Many of us that were raised in Christian homes may not know exactly when we came to faith in Christ. But no matter what our experience of conversion, we ought to know that God has changed our hearts. Formerly, we did not know Christ, but now we do, however imperfectly. Formerly, even if we maintained an outward veneer of virtue, we lived for self. Now, we live for Christ, to know Him and serve Him. Formerly, we were being corrupted by the evil desires of sin that deceived us into thinking that they would bring fulfillment. Now, we are new creatures in Christ, living for righteousness and holiness, which come from the truth that is in Jesus.

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KEY VERSE

Ephesians 4:24 (NKJV)

and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 4:17-19; II Corinthians 4:4-6

Think In Purity—Do Not Think Like A Non-Christian

1. What is the relationship between what we think and how we walk? Describe a time when your incorrect thinking led to errors in the way you lived.
2. According to today's readings, how does the Bible describe our thinking before we came to know Jesus?

Tuesday: Ephesians 4:20-21; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:1-3

Think In Purity—Do Think Like A Christian

3. According to today's reading, how should a Christian think?
4. Who is the source of truth and how should that impact our thinking?

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:5-8; Romans 6:6

Grow In Purity—Put Off The Old Man Which Is Corrupt

5. Describe the old man according to today's readings. How has Jesus made it possible for us to put off our old self?
6. What does putting off the old man look like in your life? How do you put today's readings into practice?

Thursday: Ephesians 4:23-24; Colossians 3:9-15; James 4:8

Grow In Purity—Put On The New Man Which Is Clean

7. According to today's readings, how would you describe the new man believers are to put on?
8. Why is important to have your mind renewed (Ephesians 4:23)? What is the relationship between your mind and growing in purity?
9. What does putting on the new man look like in your life? How do you put today's readings into practice?

Friday: Ephesians 4:25-32; I Corinthians 11:26-28

Act In Purity

10. Today's readings specify some sins to avoid. List them. How do these sins hurt our togetherness?
11. Which of these sins are most difficult for you to avoid? Why?
12. What are some ways that you can live out Ephesians 4:32 this week?