



Our Identity in Christ That Changes Everything

Ephesians 4:17-24

Our Mission to Mature God's Church

Part 3: The Threat to the Mission

A) The Threat: Spiritual Schizophrenia

Defined: Confusion between the “old-self” and the “new-self” resulting in a Christian making sinful choices inconsistent with Christian character

B) The Cure: Five Ingredients

- 1) Remember who you are: delivered and empowered children of the King.
- 2) Know the battle is raging between your old self and new self.
- 3) Keep putting off the old sinful thinking and behaviors
 - a. With Truth from God's Word
 - b. With Help from one another
- 4) Keep putting on the new Christ-like thinking and behaviors
 - a. The new self is already created.
 - b. The new self is characterized by righteousness and holiness.
- 5) Keep having your mind renewed by truth
 - a. Have your thinking changed by God's Word
 - b. Have your thinking changed by God's people