

4. What practices have you found helpful to keep your focus on Christ?

5. ROMANS 6:16-22 offers only two options: being a slave to sin or a slave to God. How does this square with Jesus' words in JOHN 8:36?

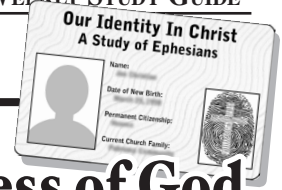
6. Why is it that Christians have been set free from the bondage to sin yet personal sin continues to be a problem for every Christian? Defend your answer.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. How are you certain you have a New Self *created after the likeness of God*?
2. What is God prompting you to do in order to be better aligned with the essence of your New Self?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

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Created After the Likeness of God (Part I: In Your Essence)

Introduction: EPHESIANS 4:17-32

The contrast between the essence of the *Old Self* and that of the *New Self*:

I. _____

A. The Old Self is _____.
EPHESIANS 2:1; GENESIS 2:15-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14

B. The New Self is _____.
ROMANS 6:23; JOHN 3:16; EPHESIANS 2:4-5

II. _____

A. The Old Self _____.
JOHN 8:44; 1 JOHN 3:8-10

B. The New Self _____.
JOHN 1:12-13; GALATIANS 3:26-27

III. _____

A. The Old Self is _____.
EPHESIANS 4:18; JOHN 5:39-40

B. The New Self is _____
the _____.

EPHESIANS 4:22–24; COLOSSIANS 3:9–10

IV. _____

A. The Old Self is _____.

EPHESIANS 2:1–3

B. The New Self is _____.

EPHESIANS 4:17–32; GALATIANS 2:20; COLOSSIANS 3:17

V. _____

A. The Old Self is _____.

JOHN 8:34; ROMANS 7:14–24

B. The New Self _____.

ROMANS 7:24–25

1. The New Self has been _____ from the
_____. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

2. The New Self has been _____ from the
_____. ROMANS 6:6,16–19,22

3. The New Self has been given the
_____ to _____
by _____. GALATIANS 5:13–14

Conclusion: _____ “_____” _____
_____ your life?

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14, why is the phrase *natural person* (ESV) significant? What is *natural* about this?
2. If someone not born-again is *spiritually dead*, how can so many non-Christians have such an interest in spiritual things?
3. 1 JOHN 3:8 says *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil*. What about people from other religions who are sincerely committed to *not* sin? Are they of the devil? Defend your answer.