

HOW AM I DIFFERENT FROM AN UNBELIEVER?

Identity vs. WEidentity

Ephesians 4:17-32

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all insensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.” Eph. 4:17-19 (NIV)

HOW AM I DIFFERENT FROM AN UNBELIEVER?

In our Mind: We think differently

In our Spirit: We relate differently

In our Hearts: We feel differently

In our Souls: We commit differently

“You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.” Eph. 4:20-21 (NIV)

Change begins not with knowing about Christ... but with actually knowing Christ.

The power to change your life is found in “the truth that is in Jesus.”
It is the truth that sets us free!

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:32 (NIV)

HOW CAN I STOP ACTING LIKE AN UNBELIEVER?

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires: to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”
Eph. 4:22-24 (NIV)

“Do not lie to each other; since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Col. 3:10 (NIV)

Understand the three-step process of growth...

Put off the old ...The old self ... corrupted by its deceitful desires.

Be renewed in your mind...

The new self... created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Put on the New

Where are we made new? In the attitude of our minds.

Physically, you are what you eat. Spiritually, you are what you think. Prov. 23:7

When Putting Off The Old Remember...

NEVER try to put on the new before you've put off the old!

The old sinful nature is dead

I am Free from the law

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Cor. 5:17 (NIV)

“And now you are free from your old master, sin; and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness.” Rom. 6:18 (TLB)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom. 12:2 (NIV)

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Col. 3:2 (NIV)

When Putting On The New Remember...

The Spirit has made us new already. You're not creating the new...
you're just "putting on" God's creation.

In order to put on the new I must recognize: I have a

New Master!

To Be Renewed Remember...

I must stop being conformed to the world

I must set my mind on things above me