

# all things



II Corinthians 5:17 & Ecclesiastes 1:9

## A New Way of Seeing Life

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- Those who are in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ differently than the rest of the world.

<sup>17</sup> 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.**

<sup>18</sup> 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.** Ephesians 4:17-18

- New Identity ⇨ New \_\_\_\_\_ ⇨ New \_\_\_\_\_  
⇨ New Behavior ⇨ New Habits ⇨ New You

<sup>22</sup> 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;

<sup>23</sup> **to be made new in the attitude of your minds;** <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

### New Attitudes For Those Who Are in Christ:

1. We treasure \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ because of Christ.

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy*

*complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Philippians 2:1-2*

2. We value others more \_\_\_\_\_ than ourselves.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

3. We find our highest purpose and greatest satisfaction in generously \_\_\_\_\_ others.

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:5*

4. We choose constant \_\_\_\_\_ and complete dependence upon God.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, **will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:4-9

#### Next Steps for Week 2 – “A New Attitude”

- ☐ Memorize II Corinthians 5:17.
- ☐ Spend 5 minutes a day this week renewing your mind by meditating on Philippians 4:4-9.
- ☐ Ask God to give you the kind of new thinking that leads to a new way of living.
- ☐ Invite a friend to join you next Sunday for All Things New, Week 3: A New Community.