

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

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PART 8: ESTABLISHING CHRISTIAN MORALS

The membership in this new church in Ephesus consisted mostly of Gentiles whose morals consisted of what the priests of the idol Diana dictated mixed with the pagan customs of the Roman Empire and their standard of living was a far cry from what God had told his people in the Old Testament.

It is noteworthy to mention that Paul was not bound by the decree of Jerusalem. **Acts 15:19-21**

ESTABLISHING A CHRISTIAN STANDARD

Paul told the Christians in Ephesus without hesitation that they could no longer walk in the old ways. **Ephesians 4:17**

They had walked in darkness because of ignorance. **verse 18**

Gentiles were walking in lewd and lustful desires and this had to go. **verse 19**

This type of living was not of Christ. **verse 20**

Now that they had heard of Jesus, it was time to put off the evil morals of the unbelievers. **verses 21-22**

RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

It is impossible to attain a holy walk with God without first having been born again because it will initiate the renewing of the mind. **John 3:3-8; Ephesians 4:23; Romans 12:1-2**

Renewing your mind is an act of obedience where you surrender your fleshly desires and choose to do the will of God. **John 14:15**

Then you can put on the new man. **Ephesians 4:24**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Paul introduced the teaching found in the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses. He had come to the conclusion that Gentile Christians were grafted into Israel and were part of the spiritual Israel, which had replaced the Israel after the flesh. **Romans 9:6-8; 11:13-24**

The Moral and Practical laws God gave to Moses are still valid today for all born again people whether they are Jew or Gentile. **Galatians 3:27-29; Matthew 5:17-19**

- ❖ No more lying. **Ephesians 4:25**
- ❖ Control your anger. **verse 26**



- ❖ Don't open the door for the Devil. **verse 27**
- ❖ No more stealing. **verse 28**
- ❖ No more filthy language. **verse 29**
- ❖ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. **verse 30**
- ❖ Reject all bitter emotions. **verse 31**
- ❖ Be kind to one another. **verse 32**

Christians living in the 21st century would do well to heed to what the apostle Paul told the church in Ephesus some 1,950 years ago!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?