



Heaven on Earth

Class #15

Ephesians 4:17-19

Q: Where do you get your identity?

Q: Is there any virtue in being hardheaded?

Eph. 4:17-24

*"Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you **must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.** ¹⁸ They are **darkened in their understanding**, alienated from the life of God **because of the ignorance** that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart.** ¹⁹ They have **become callous** and have **given themselves up to sensuality**, greedy to practice every kind of impurity." (ESV)*

Q: Paul argued frequently in his letters for including Gentiles in the family of God. But now he says Christians can't live like Gentiles. What's up with that? (vs. 17)

Q: What does "walking in the futility" of our minds mean? (vs. 17)

Q: What does Paul mean when he says they are "darkened in their understanding"? (vs. 18)

Q: Where does this deep-seated ignorance come from? (vs. 18)

Q: What does Paul mean when he says they have become callous? (vs. 19)

What About You?

Q: Do you get your identity from your family of origin, your schooling, occupation, politics, etc., or do you get your identity from Christ?

- Would people who meet you agree with your answer?

Q: Have you ever walked "*in the futility*" of your mind? How have you changed?

Q: A hard heart and a hard head often go hand in hand. Do you make it easy for others to teach you the way of life in Christ or do you make it hard for others to help you?

- If you make it hard, are you moving back toward thinking and acting like the world?