

I. A radically unchanged life – the old self

- A. The old self was given to hopeless thinking
- B. The old self had a darkened understanding

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.” (Romans 1:21-22)

- C. The old self had no spiritual life

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (I John 5:11-12)

- D. The old self was ignorant of God’s truth
- E. The old self rejected the call to repent

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion during the time of testing in desert.” (Hebrews 3:7-8)

- F. The old self was insensitive to the things of God
- G. The old self was surrendered to sensuality
- H. The old self was corrupted by sin

“Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to these very things but also approve of those who practice them.” (Romans 1:32)

II. A radically changed life – the new self

- A. The new self is filled with hope filled thinking

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Colossians 1:27)

- B. The new self has spiritual understanding

“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.” (Romans 12:2)

- C. The new self is spiritually alive

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

- D. The new self is changed by God’s truth
- E. The new self has experienced true repentance

F. The new self is sensitive to God's voice

G. The new self is committed to live in righteousness

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”
(Romans 6:13)

H. The new self seeks to be holy

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. “ (I Peter 1:14-15)