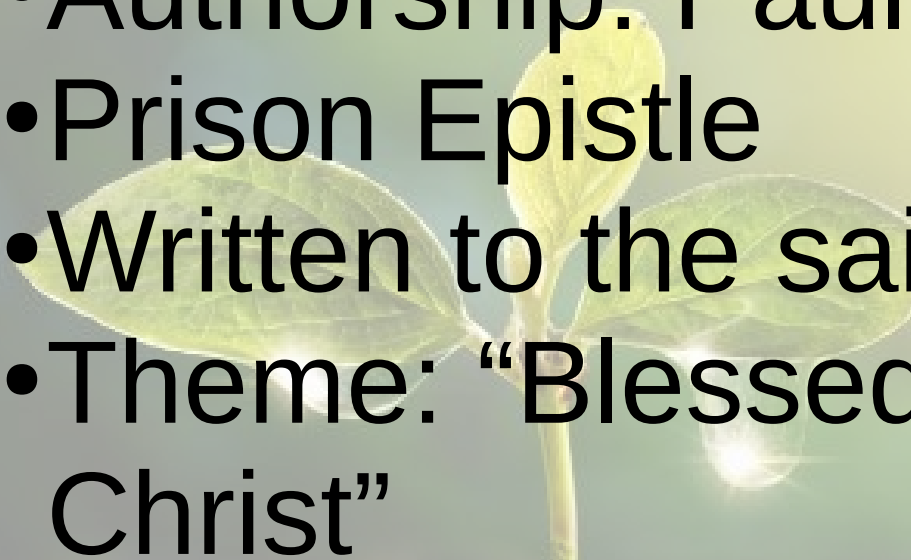


# A New Self



Ephesians 4.17-5.2

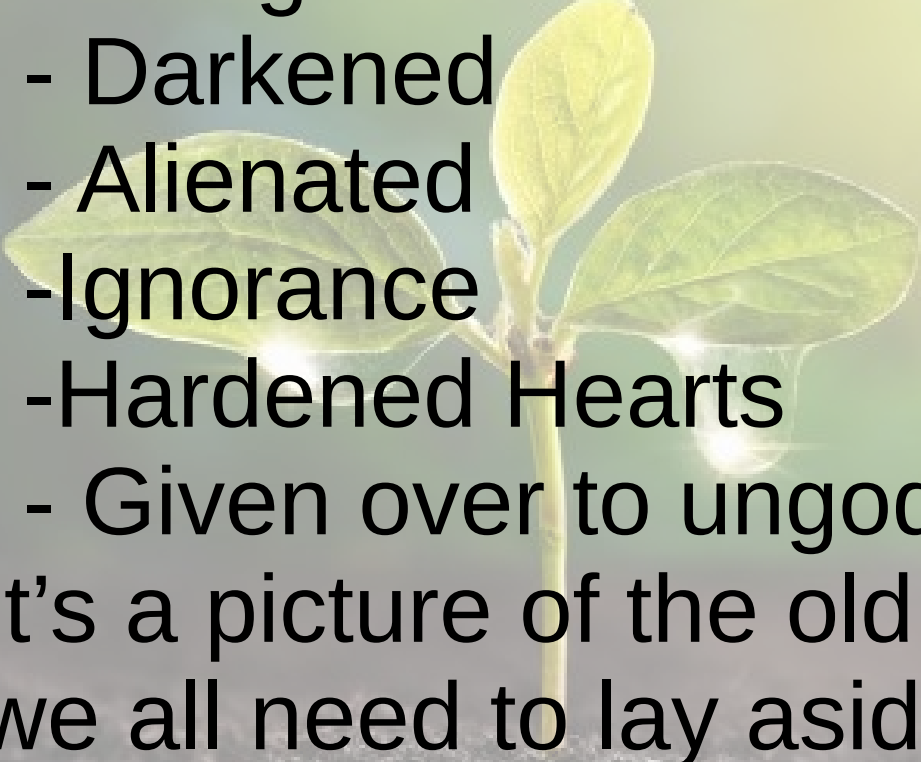
# Background: Ephesians

- Authorship: Paul
  - Prison Epistle
  - Written to the saints in Ephesus
  - Theme: “Blessed in Christ to be like Christ”
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# Our Life

- In the past we were dead to our sin, living the same way as the world
- God has given us a new life through his grace and mercy
- Our new life should not look like our old life
- 85% of Americans claim “Christianity”

# Ephesians 4.17-24

- No longer walk as the Gentiles
    - Darkened
    - Alienated
    - Ignorance
    - Hardened Hearts
    - Given over to ungodly desires
  - It's a picture of the old self we see in verse 22 we all need to lay aside
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# Lay Aside The Old Self



- We don't want to live in darkened understanding or alienated from God
- Sin destroys relationships, drives us into the direction of greed, lust, adultery, slanderous words, theft, pride, and much more
- Many of us can think of sins in the past or present that damage our spirituality

# Mind and Heart

- Ephesians 4.23
- Often the greatest battle we face is the battle of our mind and heart
- The condition of our heart and mind shape how we think, how we see the world, ourselves, how we interpret and respond in circumstances
- Proverbs 4.23 says, Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it

# What Is The Difference?

25- Put away falsehood

26- Righteous anger that does not sin

27- Give no opportunity for the devil

28- Do not steal but work hard to give back

29- No corrupt talk come from your mouth

30- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

31- Put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice

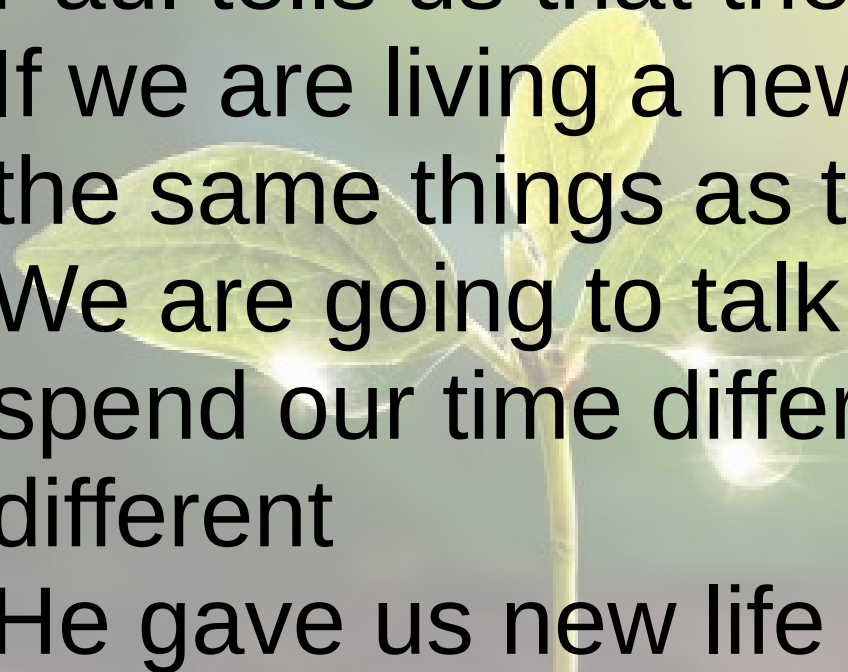


# New Self

- Ephesians 4.25
  - Be kind to one another
  - Tenderhearted
  - Forgiving one another
- Ephesians 5.1-2
  - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



# Old vs New

- Paul tells us that there has to be a difference
  - If we are living a new life, then we aren't doing the same things as the people in the world
  - We are going to talk different, love different, spend our time different, spend our money different
  - He gave us new life so we can live a new way
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# Conclusion

- Nick and Amanda made sure what happened at church didn't stay at church
  - They let God radiate off of them and their families noticed and wanted that too
  - They both lived out their new lives every day by loving God and their neighbors
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