

Directional Devo
Letter to the Ephesians
Ephesians 4:22-23
4/8/16

v.22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

We're to put off the way of life that our flesh ("old man") wants us to lead.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Notice *deceitful lusts*

Cf. James 1:13-16

Let no man say that he is tempted by God.

The Devil is the tempter and he can only play on our own lusts.

1 Joh 2:15-16

v.23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

From this we must conclude that salvation involves the mind.

Of course, it is as that a conscious decision must be made for Christ.

However, in the context, he is going beyond the initial salvation experience.

He is saying that continued renewal also involves the mind.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Cor 10:5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Cf. Col 3:1-2, 10