

“Blind No Longer”

1. Before you came to know the Lord Jesus, what did you think about the way you were living? While you were living in that way, did you think that you were making foolish and dangerous decisions? Now consider your old lifestyle again, but from your current vantage point – that of someone who has been saved. Would you go back there and live that way again if it were offered to you? Why or why not? What has changed for you?
2. Do a careful survey of verses 17-19. What different phrases or words can you find that depict an unbelieving Gentile’s way of living? From the combined effect of these phrases, what do we learn about the typical lifestyle of a person who does not know the Lord?
3. Think about professing Christians you have met – how often do you encounter someone whose life looks like what you described in the previous question? What would you say to someone who claims to be a Christian, but whose life resembles an unsaved person’s?
4. Of the people described in verse 19, what can they no longer feel? In what way does this absence of feeling lead those who do not know the Lord into the sins mentioned here? The implication is that a Christian does not have this same lack of feeling; in what way should that affect his/her life?
5. Next, do a careful survey of verses 20-24. What different phrases or words can you find that depict a believer’s new way of living? From the combined effect of all these phrases, what do we learn about a way of life that submits to the leading of the Lord Jesus?
6. Read verse 22 again. What do we learn about our old nature and its susceptibility to lies? What implications does this have for your life?
7. Read verse 23 again. What do you think it means to “be renewed in the spirit of your mind?” With what tools did God affect this renewing in us?
8. Read verse 24 again. And then read it again! Let it impact you fully. What do we learn about the new nature that we currently possess? In what way should this truth affect our day-to-day lives?
9. Throughout this passage, the true realities of life have been hammered home over and over. In what way can your life better reflect reality during the coming week?