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Putting Off, Putting In, Put On

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Introduction: on New Year's Resolutions

Text: Ephesians 4:17-24

Main Idea: Paul makes a contrast between the prevailing lifestyle of "the Gentiles", i.e. those who know nothing about the life and work of Jesus, and we who know Christ. He uses three compelling and graphic word pictures...

- I. The Great Lifestyle Contrast - v. 17-19 - not like the "Gentiles"
 - A. The Primary Cause – moral resistance/rebellion
 - "the hardening of their hearts"
 - B. The Dual Effects –
 - 1. Intellectual blindness – darkened understanding
 - internal (willful) ignorance
 - 2. Aesthetic dullness - lost sensitivity, i.e. to spiritual realities
 - sensuality for impurity
 - a sensuality that cannot be sated

- II. The Great lifestyle Change – but like Christ
 - A. What to "put off"– Realize - not be like those apart from Christ
 - B. What to be "putting in" – Renewing continually- adopt the mind of Christ
 - C. What to "put on" – Reorientation - so as to be like Christ

Conclusion –