

Date: 21/7/24

Preacher: Ps Paul

Sermon Title: Taking on God's Character

Bible Reading: Ephesians 4 :17-32

### *Outline*

- How we respond to Jesus sets in place the story of our life (v17-21)
- If we submit to Him, we receive new life (v24)
- As a result, our minds are constantly transformed (v22-24)
- Our transformed character is revealed in our conduct (v25-29)
- Our lives bring joy and honour to God as we imitative Him (v30-32)

### *Small Group Questions/Discussions*

Some people have hard hearts towards God – how would you explain that response? If we submit to His spirit, there is a life changing experience. Share together how your life is now different for you. What do you appreciate most?

We are new creatures in Christ, not just the old self tidied up. Share in the group together the significance of our rebirth. What is about putting to death our old life (Adam) and receiving the life of Christ that encourages you in your journey of faith?

Our minds are constantly being transformed by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Read v22-24, put those verses into your own words. What is the means by which we will be **...like God in true righteousness and holiness** – what responsibility do we carry in this process?

Why does character determine our conduct? Paul talks about what we should not do, but he also gives balance. How does he do that? Do you think Christians are known more for that they don't do over what they do?

In the context of this passage, what does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit of God? What influence does that have on **taking on God's character**? What would you say to someone released from prison who still wore their prison clothes? What insight or challenge does that bring to us as those born again?