

**“Renewal” – Part IV
June 28, 2009**

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- I. Ephesians 4:17-24
- A. Secular Humanism
1. Genesis 3:5 – “You will be like God”
Secularist or *secularism* – “Morality should be based solely in regard to the well-being of mankind in the present life to the exclusion of all considerations drawn from belief in God or in a future state.” (H. Blamires)

Humanism – “a value system rooted in the belief that man is his own measure, that man is autonomous, totally independent” (F. Schaeffer)
- B. Secular humanism can be seen collectively in our culture.
1. View of man
 2. View of proper place of religion or spirituality
 3. View of morality
- C. Secular humanism challenges believers individually
1. We must decide what we are going to do with Scripture.
(Genesis 3:1, 4)
 2. We must decide who will be at the center of our universe.
(Acts 17:28)
 3. We must resist the temptation to compartmentalize life.
(Romans 12:1-2)
 4. We must determine to keep God at the center of our doctrine and theology.
(Colossians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 2:2)
- D. Further Points of Application

Gen 3:5

...“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Gen 3:1, 4

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, “You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?” 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!

Acts 17:28

...for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, “For we also are His children.”

Rom 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Col 1:13

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

1 Cor 2:2

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

2 Cor 6:14-18

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, “I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 17 “Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,” says the Lord.

“AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

And I will welcome you.

18 “And I will be a father to you,

And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,”

Says the Lord Almighty.

Eph 5:25-28

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;