

Our Christian Walk is a:

- **Worthy Walk (Eph. 4:1)**
- **Working Walk (Eph. 2:10)**
- **Negative Walk (4:17-22)**

Their Life in an Heathen World

- **Difficult in Ephesus**
 - **The fifth-century B. C. Greek philosopher Heraclitus, described Ephesus as “the darkness of vileness. The morals were lower than animals and the inhabitants of Ephesus were fit only to be drowned.”**
 - **Home of the temple of Diana**
 - **It was here that Paul said:**

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- **In the “futility of their minds”**
 - **“Futility” means emptiness, uselessness**
 - **One commentator says, “Their life is one long series of mocked expectations...”**

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- **“Having their understanding darkened”**
 - **The god of this world blinds (1 Cor. 1:20)**
 - **Results in a life separated from God**
 - **The reason is “The hardening of their heart” – continuous action**

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❖ “Past Feeling”

- ❖ They had reached a point where they had become apathetic and insensitive about moral and spiritual things
- ❖ Their conscience had become “seared” – insensitive to wrong

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- **Given over to “licentiousness”**
 - ***Aselgeia* (sensuality) refers to total licentiousness, the absence of all moral restraint, especially in the area of sexual sins. One commentator says the term relates to “a disposition of the soul incapable of bearing the pain of discipline.” The idea is that of unbridled self-indulgence and undisciplined obscenity.**

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- **“Licentiousness” is inseparable from greediness. *Pleonexia* (greediness) is unbounded covetousness, uninhibited lust for that which is wanted.**
- **Immorality has no part in love, and anything the sensual person does under the guise of caring and helpfulness is but an excuse for exploitation.**