

Title: THE NATURE AND MINDSET OF GENTILES

Text: Matthew 6:31-32

Intro: The term "**Gentiles**" appears at least 129 times in the KJB. It means all nations except the Jews. In the course of time, as the Jews began more and more to pride themselves on their spiritual privileges, the word "**Gentile**" was used as a term of contempt.

All of us are former Gentiles in the flesh. As such there are some things that the scripture has to say about our previous nature. Knowledge of these things can keep the Christian from slipping into the old Gentile mindset and habits. The same knowledge of Gentile nature can help the lost Gentile see his need for a Saviour.

I. THE SELFISH NATURE OF GENTILES

- A.** Gentiles are Materialistic (**Matt. 6:31-32**).
- B.** Gentiles are Bent on Authority (**Matt. 20:25-28**).
- C.** Gentiles are Gullible (**Acts 14:2, 5, 11-13**).
- D.** Gentiles have Vanity of Mind (**Eph. 4:17**).

II. THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF GENTILES

- A.** Gentiles are Sinners (**Gal. 2:15**).
- B.** Gentiles are Outsiders (**Eph. 2:11-12**).
- C.** Gentiles Love Sinful Pleasures (**I Pet. 4:3**).
- D.** Gentiles are Idol Worshipers (**I Cor. 12:2; 10:20**).

III. THE SERIOUS NEED OF GENTILES

- A.** Closing Opportunity (**Rom. 11:25**)
- B.** Light of the Gentiles (**Isa. 11:10; Eph. 2:13-17**)

Conclusion: Brethren, are you manifesting the life of a Gentile? Do you see these same things popping up in your thoughts and deeds? If so, fight it with all you have and with the strength of the Lord! If you are saved you belong to Jesus Christ and you need not surrender to your Gentile nature. If you are lost or unsure, you need to become a "**new creature**" in Christ today.