

WALK IN THE LIGHT
EPHESIANS 5:5-20

TODAY WE CONTINUE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS IN CHAPTER 5. DJ DID A GREAT JOB LAST WEEK PREACHING ON THE FIRST 10 VERSES. TO RECAP ON WHAT HAS BEEN PREACHED THUS FAR; PAUL THE APOSTLE, ON HOUSE ARREST AWAITING TRIAL IN ROME EXORTS THE CHURCH. IN CHAPTERS 1-3, THE APOSTLE PAUL TEACHES ON IDENTITY AND DOCTRINE. WE GENTILES WHO WERE FAR OFF FROM GOD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. WE HAVE BEEN GRAFTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND HIS COMPLETE AND TOTAL PAYMENT FOR OUR SIN BY HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS. BECAUSE HE WAS SINLESS, DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. HIS RESSURRECTION MEANS WE HAVE FREEDOM IN CHRIST TO LIVE A RESURRECTED LIFE; NOW, AND ETERNALLY. NO LONGER BOUND TO SIN, SELF, DEATH, AND SATAN; WE NOW HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE DOERS OF HIS WORD. A CHANGED LIFE IS THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. WE ARE NOT PERFECT, BUT A CHANGED LIFE IS A CHANGED LIFE. PAUL LAYS OUT HOW WE ARE TO LIVE AS BELIEVERS IN CHAPTERS 4-6. THE FIRST PART OF CHAPTER 5 COMMANDS US TO IMITATE GOD AND WALK IN LOVE; NOT HATE, RESENTMENTS, DIVISION, AND ANGER. PAUL LISTS ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR LIVES LIKE; SEXUAL IMMORALITY, ANY KIND OF IMPURITY OR OBCENITY, AND GREED. THESE 3 BROAD STROKES OF SIN HIT ALL THE PLACES CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE AND IT ALL COMES

DOWN TO PRIDE AND IGNORANCE (UNBELIEF). FOR CONTEXT, I MUST START OFF TODAY IN VERSE 5. THOSE WITH EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR.

Ephesians 5:5-7 NIV

⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

THIS LETTER IS TO CHRISTIANS NOT PAGANS
NOT MAYBE...FOR SURE.....LET NO ONE ELSE TELL YOU
DIFFERENT; IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, AND GREED HAVE NO
PLACE IN OUR LIVES

GREED IS NOT WILLING TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE AS WELL
AS ALWAYS WANTING MORE

PARTNERS/SYMMETECHOS/TO SHARE IN THE POSSESSION OF
SOMETHING

Romans 1:18-20 NIV

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible

qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRUGGLING AND HABITUAL SIN.... CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE VS. IGNORANCE AND DISOBEDIENCE DUE TO A HARDENED HEART

James 5:16 NIV

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

CONFESSION OPENS THE DOOR, PRAYER IS THE REQUEST TO THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Ephesians 5:8-10 NIV

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord.

DARKNESS/IGNORANCE, LIVING FOR SELF
LIGHT/KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S TRUTH, MORALITY, CHARACTER
FRUIT/KARPOS/PRODUCT OF CONDUCT, EVIDENCE

John 8:12 NIV

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

FOLLOW JESUS-WALK IN THE LIGHT, WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, WHEN WE SIN, WE SIN IN THE LIGHT
WHAT PLEASES THE LORD? OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 NIV

³ It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

YOU’RE NOT REJECTING THE PREACHER, YOU’RE REJECTING GOD....THERE IS NO OTHER INTERPRETATION

Ephesians 5:11 NIV

¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

FIGHT AGAINST SIN, EXPOSE AND ADMIT IT TO YOURSELF AND ANOTHER PERSON FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRAYER

WHEN IT COMES TO OTHERS, PRAISE IN PUBLIC, REBUKE IN PRIVATE

Ephesians 5:12-14 NIV

¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

VISIBLE, ILLUMINATED/PHANEROO/REVEAL, MAKE KNOWN, SHOW, DISPLAYED

DARK DEEDS EXPOSED BY TRUTH BECOME DISPLAYED, WE IN TURN OBEY THE TRUTH IN REPENTANCE AND WHAT WAS ONCE A DARK PLACE IS NOW THE ILLUMINATED LIGHT OF FREEDOM AND A TESTIMONY

Isaiah 60:1 NIV

60 “Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

THIS COULD BE A CALL TO SALVATION BUT ALSO A CALL TO HOLINESS, EITHER WAY, IT'S FOR THE CHURCH

Ephesians 5:15-17 NIV

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

BE VERY CAREFUL/BLEPO AKRIBOS/BEWARE, PAY ATTENTION

WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH TIME ON THIS EARTH, MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY/CIRCUMSTANCE

DON'T BE FOOLISH WITH THE LIFE GOD GAVE YOU, BE WISE AND OBEY HIS WORD

DEAL WITH THE SIN IN YOUR LIFE HARSHLY AND INTENTIONALLY. POSITION YOUR LIFE TO RENEW YOUR MIND

Proverbs 1:7 NIV

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

THE LORD IS MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR SANCTIFICATION THEN HE IS WITH OUR COMFORT

Ephesians 5:18-20 NIV

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with

psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GETTING DRUNK LOWERS YOUR GUARD AND RAISES THE ODDS OF DOING SOMETHING SINFUL
INSTEAD, BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD!!

Colossians 3:16 NIV

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

THE DWELLING OF THE GOSPEL RICHLY AMONG US MEANS OUR CONSTANT ATTENTION, OBEDIENCE, AND SHARING OF THE WORD WITH EACH OTHER

SING SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD AND TO EACH OTHER

SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD INSTEAD OF WHAT YOU WOULD SAY

BE THANKFUL AND GREATFUL FOR EVERYTHING

MAKE HONORING GOD YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

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