

But Walk!

1. Review of the city and culture of Ephesus

2. The Walk of the Christian – overview

- A. A Walk in Unity – Ephesians 4:2 – 16
- B. A Walk in Holiness – Ephesians 4:17 – 30
- C. A Walk in Love – Ephesians 4:31 – 5: 2
- D. A Walk in Light – Ephesians 5:3 – 14
- E. A Walk in Wisdom – Ephesians 5:15 – 17
- F. A Walk in Praise – Ephesians 5:18 – 20
- G. A Walk in Harmony – Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9

3. Chapter 5: 1 – “Be imitators of God, as beloved children.”

4. Walk in Love - Ephesians 5:2 - 6

- A. As Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering.
- B. He is Holy – I Peter 1:15 -16
- C. The contrast between walking in love and walking in selfish sexual practices.
 - 1. Moral purity vs. sexual immorality
 - 2. Immorality
 - 3. Impurity
 - 4. Covetousness or greed
 - 5. Coarse jesting and foolish or “silly” talk
- D. Gnosticism – an errant philosophy of Paul’s day – which taught
 - 1. Spirit alone was good and that matter is always evil.
 - 2. Spirit is to be valued and matter is to be despised.
 - 3. Gnostics taught that the body (matter) was of no importance whatsoever.
 - 4. Paul’s challenge
- E. Cheap Grace – an **errant** teaching within the church
Grace abounds so go ahead and sin
- F. The Wrath of God (5:6)
“And God gave them up” (Romans 1: 18 – 32).

5. Walk in Light – Ephesians 5:7 – 14

A. “Walk as Children of Light”

B. Verses on Darkness

DARKNESS:

- “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20). This verse could not be a more accurate picture of our world today, especially in this area of sexuality.
- “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2).
- “This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn’t come to the light, lest his works would be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God” (John 3:19-21).
- Earlier in Ephesians 4:17-18, Paul called these Ephesian Christians not to “walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts.”

C. Verses on Light

LIGHT:

- God’s first act of creation was to say, “Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Genesis 1:3-4).
- God brings light to the dispel darkness (Psalm 18:28).
- “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).
- “The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out” (Proverbs 13:9).
- Jesus told his disciples, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14-16).
- Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).
- Jesus called Saul to be his disciple to the Gentiles “to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me” (Acts 26:18).
- “You are all children of light, and children of the day. We don’t belong to the night, nor to darkness” (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6).
- “The city has no need for the sun, neither of the moon, to shine, for the very glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk in its light” (Revelation 21:23b-24).

D. Light symbolizes intellectual truth

Our post-truth generation

“First we overlook evil. Then we permit evil. Then we legalize evil. Then we promote

evil. Then we celebrate evil. Then we persecute those who still call it evil.”

E. Light symbolizes moral purity and holiness.

F. The unfruitful works of darkness should be exposed.

G. Verse 14 is a fragment of an early Christian hymn. It suggests passage from the dark sleep of paganism to the awakened life in Christ.

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SYMMETRY
OF EPHESIANS

EPHESIANS 1-3	EPHESIANS 4-6
The Root	The Fruit
Spiritual Wealth	Spiritual Walk
Christian Privilege	Christian Conduct
The Position of the Believer	The Practice of the Believer
God Sees Us in Christ	World Sees Christ in Us
Privilege	Practice
Doctrine	Duty
Doctrinal	Practical
Revelation	Responsibility
Christian Blessings	Christian Behavior
Belief	Behavior
Privileges of the Believer	Responsibilities of the Believer
Our Heritage In Christ	Our Life In Christ
Know your Resources (Riches) in Christ	Live by faith in the light of your Resources (Riches) in Christ
The Finished Work of Christ	The Faithful Walk of the Christian
Work of Christ In Us	Work of Christ Through Us
We in Christ	Christ in Us
Word of God	Walk of the Christian
Heavenly	Earthly

Standing	Walk
Who You Are In Christ	Whose You Are In Christ
Identity	Responsibility
Position of the Believer	Practice of the Believer
Theology	Ethics

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Discussion Questions
Ephesians 5:1 – 14

Women in the Word
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1. Verse 1 tells us to be “imitators of God.” What are some attributes of God that we, as his children, ought to emulate? List several. How do we emulate these attributes? How do we move from “emulation,” or practicing certain attributes, to actually living them out naturally?
2. In verse 2, the terms “fragrant offering or “aroma” and “sacrifice” refer to sacrifices and offerings the Jews offered. Genesis 8:21; Exodus 29: 13, 25, 41 and Leviticus 1: 4, 13, and 17 discuss these sacrifices. What do we learn about these offerings? Now read Hebrews 7:27; 9: 11 – 14 and 10:10, 12. How does Jesus Christ fulfill these sacrifices and offerings?
3. Verses 3 and 5 warn against greed turning to idolatry. Discuss how greed becomes idolatry.
4. Verse 8 instructs us to “walk as children of light,” which means to live not hiding anything. Why do people choose to hide things from each other? If we can’t hide things from God, why do we try? What does this walking “as children of light” (5:8 – 13) look like in everyday terms?
5. What are some practical ways to practice Ephesians 5: 10? Learning and discerning what? (This verse suggests that it will be challenging and must be intentional.)
6. In verse 11, what are we to do with the “fruitless or unfruitful deeds or works of darkness”? Why, according to verse 12? Verses 3 – 8 present deeds of darkness in contrast to verse 9 which presents fruit of light. What are some of the contrasts? Why do you think it is shameful or disgraceful to speak of these deeds of darkness? What effect can talking about these deeds have on yourself? On others?