

Ephesians 5

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(This chapter tells followers of God how to walk with believers and nonbelievers)

5 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (With an open mind; we are all part of God's family)

² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. (Jesus gave his life in the flesh to save us from ourselves. That is true love)

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; (Stay away from the lusts of the world; love is good, lust is not)

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. (convenient = proper) (jesting = indecent humor)

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (There is no room for whore mongers, sorcerers <druggies & alcoholics> or worshippers of idols in heaven; an idol is anything that comes between you and the worship of God)

⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (Do not listen to doctrines of men. We see that in all denominations. They change the Word to suit their agenda. Jesus didn't start denominations, men did. Teach the Word of God fully <Old and New testament>, unchanged and properly translated and you'll be in God's good graces)

⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (Them – those that take part of the previous verses that God forbade; teach them if they want to learn, but don't join them in their sins)

⁸ For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (Sin brings darkness and confusion; God's Word brings us into the light of truth and knowledge. Jesus said – I am the light of the world) John-8:12

⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) (God's Spirit in us produces goodness and righteousness)

¹⁰ Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. (Proving= discerning – good from evil; knowing the difference, not judging others)

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (reprove= expose) (Exposing evil might force a change in them for the better. If it doesn't, at least it warns other people to stay away from evil)

¹² For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. (Don't accept evil or perversion as a lifestyle. Stand for the truth, or you stand for nothing)

(Evil and perversion like to work secretly, in the shadows; stay away from it, but expose it. Bringing it into the light will defeat evil)

¹³ But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

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¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Isaiah-60:1 (Wake up those that are spiritually dead in the world. Some will change their ways and obtain salvation)

¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (circumspectly = carefully) (Be wiser than the serpent – be wiser than Satan)

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Satan is the prince of this world. He tempts us all with propaganda, wealth and power. Make your days in the world count for good – to help yourself and others)

(Most wars today are about religions – Muslims and Hindus are persecuting Christians around the world; Jews are fighting Muslims; Muslims are fighting Hindus; atheists are persecuting Christians)

¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Understand God's will, not your own)

¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (spirits of the bottle will replace the Holy Spirit in your mind. If you drink, do so with moderation; not as a drunk) 1Timothy-5:23

¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (Praise God; HE loves you. Be happy in His love)

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (God brought us salvation in His office as Jesus Christ. Be thankful to Him)

²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (Fear = revere – same word in the Hebrew; Paul is paraphrasing the Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament; revere God if you love Him; fear God if you are his enemy)

²² Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (Make yourself available to God and to your spouse. God blesses good marriages)

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (This is Paul's opinion. Men were chauvinist in those days. Paul was a Bible teacher, not a prophet)

²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. (Today, couples work as partners, but a good wife will make a good man successful and vice versa) Proverbs-12:4

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (Men, protect and feed your wife and children)

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (Jesus died for the Christians, to give us salvation, forgiving all of our sins)

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (We were spiritually cleansed by repenting for our sins and receiving forgiveness)

²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (Man and woman become one flesh in a marriage)

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 1Timothy-5:8

³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (Spiritually speaking the body of Christ is the church) Genesis-2:21-25

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (This is the natural order of things. Homosexuality is perversion)

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Christ, to the church is like a husband to his wife – spiritually speaking HE loves it and protects it from evil and from harm)

³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. (Help each other to make your family successful in God's eyes)