

Ephesians 5

Review

Ch 1-3: Seating Ourselves in Christ (Eph 1:3, 2:6)

Calling, Inheritance, Power (Grace) (Eph 1:18-19)

Ch 4: Walking Out our Position in Christ - Relational (especially believers)

Unity, Cooperation, Forgiveness, Edifying Communication

Motivated by Surpassing Pleasures in Christ

Ch 5: Walking Out our Position in Christ – Behavioral

Don't let Focus on Behavior Damage Relationships.

verses 1-7

Imitate God as His Children He Loves (Family) (Eph 3:17-19)

Love: Christ's Example (Jn 13:34), Sacrificial (Phil 2:3-7)

Immoral Behavior contrasted with Thankfulness

Principle: we Become what we Behold (2 Cor 3:18)

Focus: sin vs who we are in Him (Rom 6:11-12)

Thankfulness redirects our Focus

whose Family we are in determines our Inheritance

Only Two: Every Spiritual Blessing (Eph 1:3) vs Wrath (Jn 3:36)

(Rev 21:7-8) ⁷“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

(Mt 25:41) ⁴¹“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

“sons of disobedience” Chose their Father (Jn 8:44)

by Choosing Immoral Behavior (Jn 3:19, Heb 10:26-31)

Choose Surpassing Pleasures in Him

verses 8-14

Darkness vs Light (Children) – Walk like you've been Enlightened (fruit/behavior)

Find Out (Learn) what He Accepts – Awake, Arise, enter into Light (Process)

No Fellowship with Darkness - Corrupting

(1Co 15:33-34) ³³Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

³⁴Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God.

sinners: relationship, not participation (vs 7 – partake) (Mt 9:11-13)

Light Exposes Darkness (not Pointing)

our Example is Light: Fruit, Behavior (Surpassing Pleasures)

verses 15-20

Wisdom (Mt 10:16)

“Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.” – Isaac Newton

We Redeem Time by spending it on things with Eternal Value

because it's easy to be drawn into evil.

We can be Wise and Understand His Will

be Filled with His Spirit (Surpassing Pleasure than wine – SoS 1:2)

Worship (Singing), Thanksgiving – Big 3 (1 Thes 5:16-18)

verse 21

Jesus Delighted in the Fear of God (Isa 11:3)

Jesus Delighted to do His Will (Psa 40:7)

Fear of God = Enjoying being Led by Him

Submit to God in one another

Principle: Gifts Serve, the served Honor