

# Walking the Walk

**Ephesians 5:5-21**  
**Key Word: “Walk”**

# Review

## Chapter 4:

- **“Darkened in understanding...”**
- **Alienated from the life of God...**
  - **Ignorant**
  - **Hard hearted**
  - **Callous**
- **Living an impure lifestyle**
- **We are to put off the old self**

# Review

## Chapter 4:

- We are to put on the new self
  - Which is: created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
- An exhortation on how to live:
  - Being people who speak truth to each other.
  - Not allowing our anger to cause us to sin.
  - Being honest in all things.
  - Speaking in ways that build each other up

# Review

## Chapter 5:

- **“Therefore, be imitators of God”**
  - **Our Lord and Savior gave himself up for us, as a willing sacrifice**
  - **Paul addresses the subject of sexual immorality.**
    - **Their culture was immersed in it.**
    - **The Lie: How can something that God has created and called good, be sinful?**

# Ephesians 5:3-21

**[3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. [5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not become partners with them; [8] for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light**

# Ephesians 5:3-21

**[9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10] and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13] But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14] for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,**

**“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

**[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.**

# Ephesians 5:3-21

**[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, [20] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [21] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

# Road Map

1. “Walk”
2. Walking the Walk

# 1) “Walk”

## “Walk” in Ephesians 4 & 5:

- 4:1 – Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- 4:17 - you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.
- 5:2 - walk in love, as Christ loved us
- 5:8 - now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
- 5:15 - Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise

# 1) “Walk”

## “Holy Living”

- We were once darkness. (ver 8)
- Only 2 categorical groups: Darkness and Light
- *“Let no one deceive you”*

# 1) “Walk”

**“No Christian will be sinless in this present life, but it is dangerously deceptive for Christians to offer assurance of salvation to a professing believer whose life is characterized by persistent sin and who shows no shame for that sin or hunger for the holy and pure things of God. They are headed for wrath, and believers must not partner in any of their wickedness.”** (John MacArthur)

# 1) “Walk”

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## Children of Light

- “the fruit of Light is found in all that is good and right and true” (ver 9)
- Light stands opposed (opposite) of all that is Darkness.

## 2) Walking the Walk

Walking “as children of light”

- **John 8:12** Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- We are more than ‘in the light’, we are light!
- “We must walk like ‘people who belong to the light’”

This is a direct contrast to our former selves when we were darkness.

## **2) Walking the Walk**

### **Walking purposefully**

- **“try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.” (ver 10)**
- **An ongoing process**

**“The light metaphor speaks vividly of Christian openness and transparency, of living joyfully in the presence of Christ, with nothing to hide or fear.”  
(John R. W. Stott - The Message of Ephesians)**

## 2) Walking the Walk

**An exhortation in Lighting the darkness**

- **“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.” (ver 11)**
  - **John 15:18**
- **We are to stand against sin.**
- **The goal is for some to be saved from their sin.**

## 2) Walking the Walk

### Walking as wise:

- **“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise...” (ver 15)**
- **Wisdom is putting the known truth of God (knowledge) into practice. It is the testimony that what you believe is the truth of God, is in fact true when lived out.**
- **The Christian does not spend his time on frivolous matters.**

**“It is an appeal to Christians to live a godly, righteous, and truthful life day by day, and not to waste any of the time in ignoring the will of the Lord or being disobedient.”**

**Gardner – Ephesians)**

**(Paul**

## 2) Walking the Walk

### Understanding the will of the Lord.

- **2 distinct Wills:**
  - **Sovereign Will: The immutable will of God.**
  - **God's Will of Command: His will laid out for our good.**
  - **God's will of Command is found in scripture.**

## 2) Walking the Walk

**“Do not get drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit...” (ver 18)**

- **But this is not a call for abstinence, rather an exhortation to desire something better.**
- **The Spirit does stimulate your mind and spirit.**

**“It is by the Spirit that they will know and experience the power for the life they are expected to live, and it is he who will enable them to find out what pleases the Lord and to understand what the Lord’s will is.” *(Paul Gardner – Ephesians)***

# Wrapping it Up

- **We are to live as “light”**
- **We are to live purposefully**

**What does this mean to us as a body?**

**Be filled with the Spirit, [19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (ver 18-21)**

# Wrapping it Up

**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**“giving thanks always and for everything to God”** is not an exhortation to live as though everything that happens is wonderful.

**An attitude of gratitude**

**We live our lives grateful for the Mercy of God that, as undeserving as we were, He called us to himself; that as hopeless and lost as we were, Christ died on that cross and paid for our sins.**

