

OUR CHRISTIAN WALK Ephesians 5:1-14

Introduction:

- A. Ephesians focuses upon Gods great work for this age, _____.
1. Reaching out to all peoples.
 2. Placing the Holy Spirit within us
 - a. His _____
 - b. With a new _____
 3. Gifting His Church 4:7-16 **SOME CONCLUSIONS**
Christ through the Holy Spirit gives a gift to every member of His Body.
 - a. References:
 - b. Are these our natural abilities enhanced and directed by the Spirit?
Or are these areas of our natural inabilities?
1 Cor.1:26-29; Rom 12:3
 - c. Are Spiritual gifts permanent or temporary?
 - d. What does Scripture command concerning spiritual gifts?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____ Rom 12:6-8; 1 Pet 4:10-11
 - 3) _____ 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:16; 1 Pet 4:10
 - 4) _____ Rom 12:3-6; 1 Cor 12:11, 18-27

-- so that I see _____

-- so that I will _____

-- so that I will recognize that God works _____

- B. Overview of Ephesians through three actions: _____, _____, _____
- C. Let's Walk with Our Heavenly Father.

I. By Walking _____ and _____

- A. In Love 5:1-2
1. Keep on being imitators
 - a.
 - b.

2. As dear children
 - a.
 - b.
 3. Walk in Christ's sacrificial love
 - a. Follow His _____ Mk 10:45
 - b. Be a pleasing _____ Rom 12:1
- B. In holiness 5:3-7**
1. Paul combines love and holiness here.
 - Many focus on one or the other.
 2. The sins 5:3-4
 - a. fornication
 - b. uncleanness
 - c. covetousness
 - d. filthiness
 - e. stupid chatter
 - f. coarse jesting - questionable, dirty jokes
 3. Our separation vss. 3b, 4b and 7
 4. These sins draw God's wrath 5:5-6
 - a. God's wrath is upon those who do evil.
 - Ps 7:11; Heb 12:28b-29
 - b. The idea that God is not angry with sinners is neither Jewish nor Christian.

II. By Walking in _____ 5:8-14

- A. The former darkness vs. 8**
- We formerly were not only in darkness, we _____ the darkness. cf. 4:17-19
- B. The fruit of this new walk 5:9-10**
1. pursuit of _____ vs. 9 cf. Gal 5:22; 1 Thess 5:15
 2. _____ to God vs. 10
 3. unlike the _____ of darkness vs. 11a
 - not called fruit, for these works produce neither _____ nor _____ for God or man.
- C. Abstinence and exposure vss. 11b-14**
1. Collectively, the church must hold both the _____ 1 Tim 3:15
 2. Individually, we are light and salt Mt 5:13-16