

OUR CHRISTIAN WALK Ephesians 5:1-21

I. Walk in love and in Holiness

A. In Love 5:1-2

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

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. Walk 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 forth the _____ 1 Tim 3:15

2. Individually, we are light and salt Mt 5:13-16

III. Walk According to _____ 5:15-21

A. With _____ 5:15-17

1. Be _____
2. Use _____
 - a. in witnessing
 - b. in all affairs

B. Through the _____ 5:18-21

1. The analogy of wine/alcohol
 - a. excess or excesses?
 - b. other uses of this word: 1 Peter 4:4; Titus 1:6; Lk 15:13
2. Drunkenness helps us to understand the meaning of "filled."
 - a. _____
 - b. In drunkenness the old man, the natural man, responds and acts totally under the control of his _____.
 - c. Under the control of the Spirit the new man brings forth _____.
3. This filling is to be our common and normal experience.
 - a. Keep on being filled.
 - b. This filling is different from the baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, for it depends on _____.
4. It is similar to _____ in the Spirit Gal 5:16ff
5. It is similar to Col 3:16-17.