



EQUIPPED FOR
DESTINY CHURCH

A Study of Ephesians

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CLASS 9 - WALKING OUT OUR CONFESSION

Scripture:

Ephesians 5:1-21

We are called to “walk out” our confession.. not merely talk about it..
We must live as children of the light - not as children of darkness
We must flee from those things that are less than God’s best for us
We must cautiously and carefully live before the world that watches us

Walk In The Love of God

Ephesians 5:3-7 **“But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For [a]this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any 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 be partakers with them.”**

- Cultural influences will pressure believers to accept and normalize behaviors that are inconsistent with God’s will
- Roman (Greek) society worshipped at the temple of the pagan goddess diana, which included orgies and all manner of sexual deviations as a part of temple worship
- Greed and over-indulgence was the way of life in common society of that day
 - “which is Idolatry” - most often is taught as one bowing in worship of an idol god, but idolatry is also placing our lusts/wants/needs above God’s will for us.
- Principle: You can’t inherit a kingdom from God if you refuse serve to Him.

- Living a life of selfishness and self-interest is how the sons of disobedience live who's end is the wrath of God.
- Isaiah 29:13 "Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,"
- To love God is more than just verbally acknowledging Him but is demonstrated with keeping His commandments - period
- John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Walk in The Light of God

Ephesians 5:8-14 " For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the [b]Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather [c]expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are [d]exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.""

- Walking is a metaphor commonly used in the Bible that illustrates how we should live
- walk in the light vs walking in the darkness - light is always synonymous with truth and righteousness while darkness is synonymous with sin and lies
- Romans 1:24-25 "24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."
- "...shameful to speak of..." - many Christians have gotten caught up into things of this world and the occult - trying to know and failing to flee!
- Each of are called to fight and to flee - Flee (sexual immorality, idolatry, the love of money, youthful lusts)
- Have no fellowship with the things the Bible tells us to flee!

Walk In The Wisdom of God

Ephesians 5:15-21 “15 See then that you walk [e]circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of [f]God.”

- “circumspectly - means to walk with caution and gingerly” - like walking barefoot across a floor with broken glass - carefully by judging every step
- Colossians 4:5 “5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.”
- Proverbs 3:5-7 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall [a]direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.”
- The Spirit of discernment will guide us and protect us from walking into the traps of the enemy! This all depends upon what you’re FILLED with.. desires or the Spirit
- In this season you are either intentional about your walk or you will perish!
- “redeeming the time, because the days are evil” - passivity in this season will cost you enormously!
- 2021 is the Year We Fight! The warfare is real and the warrior in Christ wins!
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”
- It’s time to come out of the SLUMBER!