

“Walk As Children Of Light”

Ephesians 5:8

“Walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called.” (4:1)

- ▶ We have been called to be:
 - Holy & without blemish. 1:4
 - Sons by Jesus Christ unto himself. 1:5
 - Fellow citizens with the saints. 2:19
 - Members of the household of God. 2:19
 - A holy temple in the Lord. 2:21
 - Fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ. 3:6

“Walk” used 6 times in Ephesians, emphasizing our life in Christ:

- a. Good works of God. 2:10.
- b. Worthily of our calling. 4:1 (Colossians 1:10–12).
- c. No longer as Gentiles (convinced of the futility of living in sin). 4:17.

Ephesians 5:1–21: *Practical applications* of being new people in Christ. (5:2; 5:8; 5:15)

Walk in...

- ▶ **Love, Ephesians 5:1-2**
 - Imitate Christ in sacrifice and purity to please God and be accepted
- ▶ **Light, Ephesians 5:3-14**
 - Reject self-indulgence and bear the fruit of the Spirit
- ▶ **Wisdom, Ephesians 5:15-21**
 - Careful in all things to do the will of God (time, worship, thanks)

Walk in Love. Ephesians 5:1-2

Verses 1-2

- ▶ **Imitate God as dear children.** (cf. 1 John 4:7-11, 19-21)
- ▶ **As Christ loved us. John 3:16; 1 John 3:16**
 - Gave Himself for us. cf. Galatians 2:20
 - An offering and a sacrifice.
 - A sweet-smelling aroma: God’s acceptance, cf. Genesis 8:21; Leviticus 1:9 (Isaiah 53:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Walk in Light. Ephesians 5:3-14

Verse 3 Not in self-indulgence.

- **Fornication:** Sexual immorality (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6)
- **All uncleanness:** Moral impurity
 - “impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living” ... impure motives
- **Covetousness:** Greedy desire
- **Not even named among you ... saints (holy ones) ... rid of any suspicion.**
 - Wholly unknown among you (Barnes)

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Verse 4 NEITHER ...

- ▶ **Filthiness:** Obscenity (Vine) Shame, Disgrace
- ▶ **Foolish talking:** Moronic language, Proverbs 26:18-19 (25:11)
- ▶ **Coarse jesting:** Off color humor
 - "Well-turned phrase"; cf. 4:29 euphemisms, etc.
- ▶ **Not fitting** (proper, propriety)
- ▶ **Rather:** Give thanks (cf. verse 20; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Acts 17:24-25)

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Ephesians 5:5-7

"This ye know of a surety ..."
(cf. 4:20) **No inheritance in the Kingdom of God!**

Do not be deceived by empty words (verse 6)

- ▶ **The self-indulgent:**
 - Fornicator. 5:3
 - Unclean person. 5:3
 - Covetous (idolater). 5:3
 - Unclean / Profane. 5:4
- ▶ **Reasons to abstain:**
 - No inheritance. 5:5 (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; cf. Revelation 22:27)
 - Wrath of God is on the disobedient. 5:6; (Romans 1:18, 32; Jeremiah 23:17-21, 27, 30-32)
 - No fellowship with sin. 5:7; 1 Corinthians 5:1-3; cf. John 7:24

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Ephesians 5:8-14

Bear Fruit as Children of Light

- ▶ **Follow Christ. 5:8; John 8:12; 12:35-36**
 - Do not be in darkness "were"
 - Live as children of light "are"
- ▶ **Fruit of the Spirit. 5:9**
 - **Goodness:** Uprightness of heart and life (Romans 15:14)
 - **Righteousness:** Doing what is right. (4:24)
 - **Truth:** Reality, certainty; God's word (John 17:17)

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- ▶ **Prove what is pleasing to God. 5:10**
 - Living a righteous life proves what pleases God. Romans 12:2; Ephesians 3:20

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- ▶ Follow Christ. 5:8; John 8:12
- ▶ Bear fruit of the Spirit. 5:9
- ▶ Acceptable to God. 5:10
- ▶ **Have no fellowship (cf. verse 7) with works of darkness. 5:11-12**
 - "together", a united sharing, cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Romans 13:12-14;
1 Corinthians 15:33;
2 John 9-11

- Expose them (reprove). 5:11
- "Show how wrong they are" (CEV)
- Convict, convince, tell a fault
- Call to account, rebuke
- Shamefulness of sin. 5:12

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- ▶ **All exposed by the light. 5:13**
 - Light overwhelms the darkness. (John 3:19-21)
 - Warning against apathy. (Romans 13:11)
 - Call to repentance. (Acts 26:18-20)

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▶ **"Wherefore" –
Time to "Awake," "Arise."**

- Those who sleep, are in darkness. (Ephesians 2:1).
- NOTE: One who sleeps, neither works or thinks.
- Dead to fruit of light. (verse 9)
- Now leave darkness, wake up! You have the choice ...

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