

## Ephesians

### Ephesians 5:7-21

We are not to participate with those who live the disobedient life.

- Ephesians 5:7

#### The radiant life

We are called to the radiant life.

- Ephesians 5:8-10
- We're born into darkness but rescued by God into the kingdom of light.
  - Colossians 1:13
- In Christ, we are light. Prism
  - Ephesians 5:8
  - John 8:12
  - 2 Peter 1:4
- The fruit of light is goodness, righteousness, and truth.
  - Ephesians 5:9
- As light, we are to expose the deeds of darkness.
  - Ephesians 5:11-12
- We expose the darkness with our actions and our words.
  - John 3:20
- We expose darkness to convict not to condemn.
  - Ephesians 5:14

#### The wise life

We are called to the wise life. Wisdom is vertical coming from God \His Word >>>> knowledge is horizontally how you utilize God's Wisdom in life's situations

- The wise life is careful and intentional.
  - Ephesians 5:15
- The wise life is intentional with its use of our time and opportunities God gives us.
  - Ephesians 5:16
  - Colossians 4:5
- The wise life understands that time is limited and looks for God-ordained opportunities. Ex>Rubina on the Denver flight

- Philippians 1:12 Paul used his time wisely in jail, How?
- The wise life lives according to God's will.
  - Ephesians 5:17 What does the Word of God say about your situation? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Are you submitting to God's Word ? doing what it says?

#### The Spirit-filled life

We are called to the Spirit-filled life.

- The Spirit-filled life is a life of sobriety and self-control.
  - Ephesians 5:18 don't get high or drunk or **impaired** , keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit.
  - **What happens when we self medicate with alcohol, drugs, spending , overeating , unhealthy relationships?**  
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  - Galatians 5:23 self control is a fruit of the Spirit
- The Spirit-filled life is **a life of worship.**
  - Ephesians 5:19 My best self- medication ever!!
- Biblical worship praises God and it instructs and corrects us.
  - Colossians 3:16
  - 2 Timothy 3:16
  - Colossians 3:17
- The Spirit-filled life is a **thankful life.**
  - Ephesians 5:20
- The Spirit-filled life is a **wisely submitted life.**
  - Ephesians 5:21

#### Action Steps

- Ask God to show you opportunities to be light, exposing darkness through your actions and your words. Remember, truth in love.
- Ask God to show you opportunities to make better use of your time for His kingdom.
- Is there an area of your life over which you're grumbling? If so, turn it over to God and thank Him for it.

- Do your weekly devotion over today's sermon and read Ephesians 5:22-33 for next week.

### **Ephesians 5:7-21 AMPC**

<sup>7</sup> So do not associate *or* be sharers with them.

<sup>8</sup> For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].

<sup>9</sup> For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light *or* <sup>the</sup> *Spirit* [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

<sup>10</sup> And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in *and* have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds *and* enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] <sup>and</sup> *expose and reprove and convict* them.

<sup>12</sup> For it is a shame even to speak of *or* mention the things that [such people] practice in secret.

<sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed *and* reproved by the light, it is made visible *and* clear; and where everything is visible *and* clear there is light.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you *and* give you light.

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully *and* worthily *and* accurately, not as the unwise *and* witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

<sup>16</sup> Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be vague *and* thoughtless *and* foolish, but understanding *and* firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled *and* stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [<sup>and</sup> instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord,

<sup>20</sup> At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

<sup>21</sup> Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).