

Ephesians – Lesson 8

“there is nothing in all history like the moral miracle which Christianity wrought...” – William Barclay

Read 5:1-21

Living the Good Life! What an inspiring passage filled with motivation to “walk the walk”. Do not miss how different the Christian calling was to the Greek. Understanding what is to be changed and more importantly the why it is to be changed was huge. Almost as huge as it is for us today. We will never change if we don’t see the “why” behind it. It’s too hard. It’s also too valuable to not to.

A look at “**the walk**” 1) V.1 – “**walk in love...**” 2) V.8 - “**walk as children of Light...**” 3) V.15 – “**walk not as unwise but as wise...**”

Challenge Questions:

- 1) V.1-2 - In what way is the sacrifice of Christ described? _____
- 2) V.3-4 - Paul names 6 sins which will prevent a person from having any inheritance in the kingdom of God. Name them. _____
- 3) V.5 - A covetous man is said to be an idolater. How can this be true? _____
- 4) V.6 – What are “empty words”? What consequence follows them? _____
- 5) V.6-8 – Explain the reason for distance between the saint and the “sons of disobedience”

- 6) V.8 – How is the condition of the saint before conversion described? _____
- 7) V.8-10 – How is their present condition described? Does this match up with your life? _____

- 8) V.10 – Explain the importance of this verse. _____
- 9) V.11 – Are there some sins that we should avoid talking about? _____
- 10) V.14 – Is this verse literal or figurative? _____
- 11) V.15-18 – What role does wisdom play in “the walk”? _____
- 12) V.19 – Explain what is meant by psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. _____
- 13) V.19 – What instrument is to be used in praise making? _____
- 14) V.20 – In whose name are saints to give thanks to God? _____
- 15) V.21 What should the relationship be of one saint to another? _____

What a contrast is painted by our master writer here between past walk and the Christian walk. Can you imagine what a blessing it would be to live in a family, be married to a spouse, have a father and mother, or have a local community/church in our life that lives by these principles? Can you imagine the results it would have on you? Are you providing this to yourself, or to others?

Starting in V.22, Paul takes this point and gets very specific in relationships to impress this upon the Ephesians.

Next week: Read Ephesians 5:22-6:23