

## EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

### Review

Lying	4:25
Anger	4:26–27
Stealing	4:28
Speech	4:29–32

CHAPTER 5 NOTE: Therefore vs 4:1,17,25; 5:1,15

Love vs 1& 2      How does one become an imitator of God?

IMITATORS:      More than followers  
Only place in the New Testament where we are told  
To be an imitator of Him!  
(We are also told to be imitators of:  
a. Paul 1Cor4:16; 11:1 – Christ  
b. Faithful believers of the past Heb 6:11–12)

Being born–again, as God’s children

Partaking His nature

Objects of His love

Believers should manifest the family likeness (devil–liars)

The Two Greatest Commandments displayed (doing that which is  
Pleasing to Him)

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What motivates such a life?

Christ, the Revealer of God – Jn 1:18

1. as Christ loved you Rom 5:6–8 (though He was rich ...)

2. gave Himself up for us – substitutionary death

1Pet 2:20–24; 3:18; 2Cor 5:21

3. an offering and a sacrifice to God

Rom 12:1–2; 1Pet 2:5

4. a fragrant aroma

2Cor 2:14–16

Purity vs 3–14

Vs 3 Do not let

1. immorality (illicit sex – before or during marriage)

Heb 13:4

2. any impurity – all uncleanness – every kind of it – every conceivable practice

3. greed – substitution of material values for spiritual ones

Do Not let...even be named among you (who are saints “separated ones” by calling)

This lifestyle being an appropriate one among saints

Vs 4 No

1. filthiness

2. silly talk

3. coarse jesting

A garbage-can type of mind

These are not fitting – don’t fit

Also see: 1Cor 5:9–13; 6:9–10; Gal 5:19–21; Col 3:5–9;

1Thes 4:3–7; 1Tim 1:9–10; 2Tim 3:2–5; Titus 3:3

But Rather

Giving of Thanks Eph 5:20

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Vs 5–6

What do unbelievers look like?

1. people who live immoral, impure lives
2. people who are covetous to the core of their beings (idolaters)
3. people who have no part of the Kingdom of Christ and God
4. people who have the “wrath of God come upon them”
5. sons of disobedience

Vs 7 asks the obvious question!

Why would you become partakers with them, of their lifestyles?

NOTE: You were part of their group but you were saved out of it 1Cor 6:9–11.

Your salvation is significant

You were saved from an awful position

Don't have second thoughts about what has happened to you!

Colateral Questions:

Rom 6:1–2 doesn't say we can't; just says it makes no sense to do so.

Paul further tells us how we can keep from doing such a thing –  
Rom 6:11–14

Col 3:5–7 Context: You have died, vs 3, chosen of God; holy and beloved – makes no sense for you to live in sin, though not doing so is the result of a decision not to do it.

Col 1:13 This is true, therefore don't!

Col 2:8–14 In light of what He has done for you (finished work);  
apply Eph 5:14–16ff

NOTE: In all of the above passages the context makes it clear  
that the application of the teaching:

a. is not “Are you saved?”

BUT RATHER

b. as a saved person, “Why would you?”

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Vs 8 FOR – Once .....NOW

Rom 7:5–6; 11:30; Eph 2:11–13; Col 1:21–22; Col 3:5–8;

Titus 3:3–7; Gal 1:23

You were formerly darkness (once) (a state which produces acts)

What does it mean to be darkness?

A believer can walk in darkness. 1Jn 1:5–6

An unbeliever is darkness.

To be “in sin, or sin” is the root, substance, foundation for acts of sin.

Darkness:

Matt 4:16            The people which sat in darkness

Lk 1:79             Them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death

Lk 11:34            when the eye is evil, the body also is full of darkness

Jn 3:19              men loved darkness rather than light

Jn 8:12              I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness

Jn 12:46            I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness

Acts 26:18        To open their eyes  
                          To turn them from darkness to light  
                          from the power of Satan unto God  
                          that they may receive:  
                          a. forgiveness  
                          b. an inheritance  
                          c. sanctification by faith that is in Me.

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- Rom 13:12      Let us cast off the works of darkness  
Let us put on the armour of light
- 1 Cor 4:5      Hidden things of darkness...the councils of the hearts
- 2 Cor 6:14      What communion hath light with darkness
- Eph 6:12      Wrestle against the rulers of the “darkness of this  
world”...spiritual wickedness
- 1Thes 5:4; 1Pet 2:9; 1Jn 2:8

NOTE: Darkness is a state – not an act.

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ONCE – NOW

- Rom 7:5-6      Once – (while we were in the flesh)  
sin aroused by the Law...at work; serving in oldness  
of the letter  
Now – released from the Law; dead to it; it to us  
serving in newness of the Spirit
- Rom 11:30      Once – disobedient to God  
Now – shown mercy
- Eph 2:11-13      Once – (formerly far off) separate from Christ  
excluded from the commonwealth of Israel  
strangers to the covenants of promise  
having no hope  
without God  
Now – brought near

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- Col 1:21–22      Once – (formerly) alienated; hostile in mind;  
engaged in evil deeds  
Now – reconciled; holy; blameless; beyond reproach
- Col 3:5–8        Once – walked in immorality; impurity; passion;  
evil desire; greed;...anger, wrath, malice, slander,  
abusive speech; lied to one another  
Now – don't
- Titus 3:3–7      Once – were foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved,  
spending our life in....  
Now – heirs of eternal life
- Gal 1:23         Once – persecuted  
Now – preaching the faith
- But NOW you ARE light (IN THE LORD)
- 2 Cor 6:14        What partnership have righteousness and  
lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with  
darkness?
- Col 1:12         The Father who has qualified us to share in the  
inheritance of the saints of light
- James 1:17        Father of lights

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Walk as – in

Vs 9 All goodness Micah 6:6–8

righteousness that which is right, conforms to the character of God

Rom 8:3–4; in conformity to the right standard

truth 1Tim 6:3–5; 2Tim 3:5–7

Vs 10 Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord

Vs 11 Do not participate (a joint partner with) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness; expose them.

2 Tim 2:19–23; 2 Cor 6:15–18; 2 Jn 8–9; Rom 6:12–19;

Rom 14:17–18; Phil 1:9–11; 1Tim 6:8–21 (make it your ambition) 2Tim 2:22–23

Vs 12 How does a believer “expose” things which unbelievers do which are so disgraceful that it is beyond reasonable to even speak of them?

The things done by them in secret...

In short: expose them and yet don't mention them

Answer: Lives lived as light make the contrast.

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Vs 13 All things will become visible when they are exposed by the light.

Jn 5:22; Rev 1:14; 1 Tim 5:24; Jn 3:20-21

Vs 14 For this reason - vs 8-13 - be a Christian.  
You are sleeping in a cemetery - wake up; come out

NOTE: Not being spoken to the unsaved 2 Pet 3:8-10  
Isa 60:1

In both passages:

1. Their possession is not possessed
2. They are lying down in a death sleep  
Rom 13:11; 1 Thess 5:4-11
3. Light is available
4. Jehovah Jesus is the One who is the basis for hope  
Isa 61:1-2a with Lk 4:16-21

The believer must wake up for Jesus to shine upon him.

Vs 15-16 Therefore Be careful how you walk:

1. not as unwise
2. as wise
3. buying up your opportunities because they don't flow

Vs 17 So then

1. Do not be foolish
2. Understand what the will of the Lord is Rom 12:1-2



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Vs 18-19 Do not put yourself under the control of anything other than the Holy Spirit which will result in - Col 3:16  
(If A=B and C=B, then A=C)

Vs 20 Always giving thanks for all things Rom 8:28 ff  
(an attitude and an activity) Requires Review; perspective  
Eph 5:4; Col 2:7

Always

1. after the event
2. in the midst of it
3. before the event is experienced

For all things

1. physical and spiritual
2. ordinary and extraordinary
3. things withheld and things received

Phil 1:12-18; 2Cor 12:10; Phil 1:3 with Phil 4:8

in the name of Jesus Christ

to the Father

NOTE: There are secondary causes to be thankful for but there is always the primary cause.

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Vs21 Be subject to (submit to) one another  
in the fear (reverence) of Christ  
Willingly serving each rather than dominating or  
exalting yourself over the other  
(Not limited to what follows)

What does God mean? Answer 5:22–6:9

NOTE: We can clean up our act for a time to  
look like a christian.....

Can we live like one with those we have  
constant contact with?

What follows are the three "basic" relationships  
which display this truth and  
which encompass our lives – A Triad of Relationships

1. wives and husbands
2. children and parents
3. employees and employers (unit our current society  
operates with)

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In each of these basic relationships the first one mentioned is to be submissive or obedient to the second.

The second is to show care and concern for the first. Both are to act toward the other as a service rendered to the Lord.

### Vs 22–24 Wives to Husbands

As to wives & husbands, the Lord does not mean she should submit in the same way she submits to the Lord but this is her service to the Lord. Col 3:18

The reason she is to submit: (Note: 1Pet 3:1–6)

The husband is the head of the wife 1Cor 11:3–16

As Christ is the savior of the church –  
so a husband should be the protector of his wife

Submission does not mean inferiority 1Cor 15:28

It means recognizing the position of responsibility that God has put the husband in and responding to him accordingly.

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### NOTE:

1. Wives are often superior to their husbands in  
intelligence  
courage  
spirituality  
moral discernment  
and in many other ways

As members of the Body of Christ, they are equal. Gal 3:28

In the matter of position in the home, they are not in the same position as their husbands because God says they are not.

2. BUT by a Christian wife being in submission to her husband, she is responding to Christ's rule over His Church.

Vs 25      Husbands being in the position God has placed them  
in are to:

1. love their wives just as Jn 3:16; 15:12–13  
love means "seek the highest goal for another person"  
Eph 2:4
2. Christ's unselfish love for the church is seen in His giving  
Himself up for her. Eph 5:2; Jn 10:11, 15, 17; Gal 1:4
3. The "submit–love" relationship is a harmonious  
partnership.

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VS 26–27 The husband's plan for his wife –  
set her apart for himself as his own. (only one able to present her!)  
Heb 2:11; 13:12

The ultimate purpose is to present the wife as  
radiant or "in splendor" – having no spot or wrinkle  
holy and blameless. Word – individual statements  
Eph 1:4

Vs 28–30 The church is an extension of Christ.  
The wife is an extension of her husband.

The husband should:

1. take care of his wife
2. feed his wife (have a plan for her)
3. care for his wife

1Thes 2:5–12

Love his wife as himself      Gal 2:21–24

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NOTE: Men care for their own bodies and God knows they are imperfect – so

Men should also care for their wives, knowing they also are imperfect.

Suicide is abnormal behavior.

Vs 31–32 The bond between husband and wife is the greatest of bonds—more so than parent and child.

Vs 33 Sums up the above teaching.