

Ephesians 5 Summarized

Sentences

5:1, therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

5:2, and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

5:3-5, but fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For 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.

5:6-7, let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.

5:8-10, for you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

5:11-14, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

5:15-17, see then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.

5:18-21, and do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God:

5:22-24, wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

5:25-27, husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

5:28-29, so husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

5:30-32, for we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

5:33, nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.

Paragraphs

5:1-14, [Since God has called you into His family by making you one with His Son—which makes you like Jesus in many ways: you're God's child, you'll reign over creation, God's power works on your behalf, including His indwelling Spirit which guides, protects, and strengthens you as you fully experience Christ's love and are filled with His fullness and the role He's given you to play in His Body, which means you're no longer part of Satan's corrupt Old Man but are now clothed with the righteous and holy New Man, which should affect everything: the way you deal with honesty, your negative emotions, your possessions vs. the needs of others, criticizing others, how you respond to the Spirit's voice, how you talk to others, and how you deal with those who offend you] you should imitate your heavenly Father and His Son, i.e., you should live the holy and sacrificial way they do. This means you don't participate in any wickedness whatsoever. After all, you know that fornicators, the immoral, greedy, and idolaters will not get inheritance in Christ's Kingdom. Don't let anyone fool you; God punishes such individuals. Therefore, don't join them because although you used to be darkness, you're now light in the Lord. So walk as a child of the Light since that's what the Spirit produces: goodness, righteousness, and truth; the Spirit always seeks what the Lord wants. You're not supposed to participate with the unfruitful deeds of darkness; instead, you're supposed to expose them. It's shameful to even speak of such things done in secret. What exposes is Light which is why it says, "It's time to wake up from among the walking dead and walk in Christ's light."

5:15-21, so then, you need to walk accurately, not as a fool but a wise individual, making every second count because Satan never rests. You can't be unwise; you need to understand the Lord's will: don't be under the influence of any substance, instead, let the Spirit control and guide you, which will result in: (1) God's Word blessing you even in song as you sing it in the community of the church and by yourself, (2) always thanking God for everything in the name of your Lord Jesus Christ, and (3) a submissive heart [here's what a submissive heart looks like in the various roles]:

5:22-24, wives must submit to their own husbands as they would to the Lord. Because the husband is head of the wife as Christ is head of the Church and is its Savior. Therefore, as the Church is subject to Christ, so the wives must be to their husbands in everything.

5:25-33, husbands must love their wives as Christ loved the Church and died for her in order to sanctify her with His Word so that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church without spot or blemish. So husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. The one who loves his wife loves himself. No one ever hates his own flesh, but takes care of it, just as the Lord does the Church because we part of His Body. This is the oneness of marriage Genesis 2:24 describes, a great mystery indeed, but this oneness concerns Christ and the Church. Nevertheless, each husband must love his own wife as himself and each wife must respect her own husband.

Whole Chapter

[Since God has called you into His family by making you one with His Son—which makes you like Jesus in many ways: you're God's child, you'll reign over creation, God's power works on your behalf, including His indwelling Spirit which guides, protects, and strengthens you as you experience Christ's love and are filled with His fullness and the role He's given you in His Body, which took you out of Satan's corrupt Old Man and placed you in the righteous and holy New Man, which affects everything: the way you deal with honesty, negative emotions, your possessions, criticizing others, how you respond to the Spirit's voice, how you talk to others, and how you deal with those who offend you] you need to live the holy and sacrificial way the Father and Son live. This means you don't participate in any wickedness knowing that God doesn't reward such individuals; He punishes them. Though you used to be darkness, you're now light in the Lord. It's time to wake up and walk in Christ's light. So, walk like a wise individual not a fool. Instead of being under the influence, you need to be controlled and guided by the Spirit, which results in blessings from God's Word, even in song, and a heart of gratitude and submission: wives submit to their husbands as they do the Lord. Husbands die for their wives as the Lord died for His in order to make her the best wife she can be. Just as the Lord takes care of His Wife because she's part of Him, so must husbands. Thus, husbands must love their wives as themselves and wives must respect their own husbands.