

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA**  
**EPHESIANS, PT. 10 – WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE (EPH 5:1-20)**  
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**I. Introduction**

A. The bible always instructs us to know the love of God before it instructs us to love one another. This is the first and second commandment. (Mat 22:37) We see this in Paul's teaching. He instructs believers in the affections of God toward them before He instructs them in how to live.

B. In this portion of Ephesians (5:1-20) Paul focuses specifically on the walk (prescribed lifestyle) believers are to have. It presupposes we've already digested what he shared in the first three chapters.

C. He uses the love of God as the basis for calling believers into holiness (walk in love), revelation, authenticity (walk in the light), and wisdom (walk circumspectly).

D. This section also identifies several biblical prohibitions for believers. It's important to understand when the bible prohibits certain activity it is as much a statement of the character of God as it is a command for conduct. In other words prohibited activity is prohibited because it is the exact opposite of God's nature. When we read a prohibition we can see clearly what God is like and what God is not like.

**II. Walk in Love**

**Ephesians 5:1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 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. 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 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. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

A. Be imitators of God as dearly beloved children

B. Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us

C. Depart from sin

1. Fornication and uncleanness (God is holy and pure)

2. Covetousness (God is generous)

3. Filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting... instead give thanks (God is pure, wise, and kind)

D. A lifestyle of sin disqualifies you from inheritance in the kingdom of God.

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- E. Don't be deceived by anyone who tells you these things are acceptable.
- F. These are the types of things that cause the wrath of God to be released.
- G. Don't partake of these things with those who entice you.

### **III. Walk in the Light**

**Ephesians 5:8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

- A. You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord
- B. Walk (Live) in the light as children of light
- C. Live by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)
- D. Find out what pleases the Lord and live by it
- E. Don't cooperate with sin (unfruitful deeds of darkness)
- F. Don't celebrate sin with your speech
- G. Light exposes what is good and what is bad
- H. Therefore awake and let Christ shine on you (reference?)

### **IV. Walk in Wisdom**

**Ephesians 5:15** See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- A. Walk (Live) circumspectly (looking around you) Don't be foolish,
- B. Redeem the time you have, the days are dark
- C. Know the will of the Lord: Be filled with the Spirit not of drunk with wine
- D. Be Filled with the Spirit by:
  - 1. Speaking to one another: Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs
  - 2. Singing and making melody to the Lord

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3. Giving thanks for all things to God the Father