

Ephesians 5

King James Version (KJV)

(This chapter teaches Christians how to walk with believers and with nonbelievers)

5 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; (Have an open mind. We are all part of God's family)

² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. (Jesus gave his life in the flesh in order to save us from ourselves. That is true love)

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; (Stay away from the lusts of the world. True love is good, lust is not)

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. (jesting = indecent humor) (convenient = proper)

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (There is no room for whore mongers, sorcerers <drug dealers, drug users & alcoholics>, or worshippers of idols in heaven. An idol is anything that comes between you and the worship of God)

⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (Do not listen to the smooth talking doctrines of men. We see that in all denominations. They change God's Word to suit their agenda. Jesus didn't start denominations, men did)

(Teach the Word of God fully <the Old and New Testament>. Teach it unchanged and properly translated and you'll be in God's good graces)

⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (Them – those who take part of the previous verses that God forbade. Teach them if they want to learn, but don't join them in their sins)

⁸ For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (Sin brings darkness and confusion. God's Word brings us into the light of truth and knowledge)

(Jesus said – I am the light of the world) John-8:12

⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) (God's Spirit in us produces goodness and righteousness)

¹⁰ Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. (Proving = discerning good from evil; knowing the difference but not judging others. God is the judge if all. Discerning just means to recognize evil when you see it and stay away from it)

(The Ten Commandments are acceptable to the Lord. HE makes it easy for us to understand)

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (reprove = expose) (Exposing evil might force a change in them for the better. If it doesn't, at least it warns other people to stay away from evil)

¹² For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. (Don't accept evil or perversion as a lifestyle. Stand for the truth, or you stand for nothing)

¹³ But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. (Evil and perversion like to work secretly in the shadows. Stay away from it. Expose it when you see it. Bringing evil into the light will defeat it)

¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. (Wake up those who are spiritually dead in the world. Some of them will change their ways and obtain salvation) Isaiah-60:1

¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (circumspectly = carefully) (Be wiser than the serpent – be wiser than Satan. We know his plan. Don't fall victim to it)

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Satan is the prince of this world. He tempts us all with his propaganda, wealth and power. Make your days in the world count for good – to help yourself and others to obtain salvation. It's the next life that is important)

NOTE: (The world is being governed by fools. Most wars today are caused by religions – Muslims and Hindus are persecuting Christians around the world. Jews are fighting Muslims. Muslims are fighting

Hindus, Jews and Christians. Atheists and communists are persecuting Christians)

¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Understand God's will; not your own wants and desires)

¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (If you allow them, spirits of the bottle will replace the Holy Spirit in your mind. If you drink, do so in moderation; not as a drunk)

See 1Timothy-5:23 (A little bit of wine is good for you. It can help settle your nerves. A lot of wine is detrimental to your mind and to your health)

¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (Praise God; He loves you. Be happy in His love)

(Living a good Christian life brings health, happiness and peace of mind)

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ. God brought us salvation in His office as Jesus Christ. Be thankful to Him. Try to enjoy your life)

²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (Fear = revere – same word in the Hebrew; Paul is paraphrasing the Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament. Revere God if you love Him; fear God if you are his enemy)

²² Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (Make yourself available to God and to your spouse. God blesses good marriages)

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (This is Paul's opinion. Men were chauvinist in those days. Paul was a Bible teacher, not a prophet)

(The Bible says that a husband and wife become one flesh. They should work together as partners for the good of the family. The husband is the protector and provider for the family. The wife is the

supporter, organizer and nurturer of the family. Both roles are needed in order to raise healthy happy children)

²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. (Today, couples work as partners. A good wife will make a good man successful and vice versa) see Proverbs-12:4

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (Men, protect and feed your wife and children) see 1Timothy-5:8

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (Jesus died for the Christians, to give us salvation by forgiving all of our sins)

(We are spiritually cleansed by repenting for our sins and receiving forgiveness)

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Once we have been cleansed, our love offering to God is holy and without blemish)

(A true church of Jesus Christ teaches God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. A false church celebrates a ritual <a mass> and teaches a sermon that was written by the preacher. Christians must know the difference between the two, and avoid the latter)

²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (Man and woman become one flesh in a marriage)

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: Genesis-2:21-25

³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (Spiritually speaking the body of Christ is the church and II of its members – It is an analogy with the previous verse)

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (This is the natural order of things. Homosexuality and non-binary lifestyles are perversion)

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Christ to the church is like a husband to the family – an analogy. Spiritually speaking He loves it and protects it from evil and from harm; in the same way that a man loves and protects his wife and children from the evils and the harms of the world)

³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. (Help each other to make your family successful in God's eyes. Both the husband and the wife are needed in order to make that happen)