

Bible Study – February 17, 2021
The Book of Ephesians – Chapter 5 (cont.'d)

Paul continues his description of the Christian's walk.

I. WALK IN LOVE (5:1–6)

As God's children, we should imitate our Father. God is love, and we should walk in love. The example of Christ's love should inspire us.

John 15:9; John 15:12; 1 John 3:16–18; Rom. 12:9

False teachers may say that you can be a Christian and live in habitual, deliberate sin; but Paul calls these teachings "empty [vain] words."

Gal. 5:21; 1 Cor. 6:9–10.

We were "children of disobedience" (2:1–3); now we are children of God, and we ought to walk in love.

II. WALK IN THE LIGHT (5:7–14)

The word translated "partakers" (v. 7) implies having in common; it is often translated "fellowship" or "partnership." Christians are partakers of:

(1) _____ Peter 1:4

⁴Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

(2) _____ Eph. 3:6

(3) _____ 1 Peter 4:13

(4) _____ Heb. 12:10

(5) _____ Heb. 3:1

(6) _____ 1 Peter 5:1

III. WALK CAREFULLY (5:15–17)

The word “circumspectly” (v. 15) carries the idea of looking around carefully so as not to stumble. It means walking intelligently and not in ignorance. God wants us to be wise and understand His will for our lives.

IV. WALK IN HARMONY (5:18–6:9)

This section concludes in Chapter 6 and deals with harmony between husbands and wives, parents and children, and workers and masters.

The secret of harmony in the home and on the job is the fullness of the Spirit. The unity of the church and the harmony of the home both depend on the Spirit (4:3; 5:18). It is power from within, not pressure from without, that holds the church and the home together.

Col. 3:15–17

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