

Ephesians 5:1-8 • Beloved Children & Sons of Disobedience

God's eternal purpose is to reveal His glorious grace to His adopted sons and daughters that results in them valuing Christ above everything and becoming the means of unity and love within His Body, the church.

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Matthew 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then **he will sit on his glorious throne.**

Matthew 25:32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and **he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**

Matthew 25:33 And he will place the **sheep on his right**, but the **goats on the left.**

Matthew 25:34 Then the **King will say to those on his right**, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

Matthew 25:41 “Then **he will say to those on his left**, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, **into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.**

Acts 16:30b ...what must I do to be saved?”

Acts 16:31b ...“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...

John 1:12 But to **all who did receive him**, who **believed in his name**, he gave the right to become **children of God**,

Hebrews 4:6 Since therefore it remains for **some to enter it (rest)**, and those who formerly **received the good news** failed to enter because of **disobedience**,

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they were **unable to enter because of unbelief.**

2Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves**, to see whether **you are in the faith**. Test **yourselves**. Or do you not realize this about **yourselves**, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Review of the Gospel according to Ephesians

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, **To the saints** who are in Ephesus, and are **faithful in Christ Jesus**:

Ephesians 1:2 **Grace** to you and **peace from God** our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:4 even as he **chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be **holy and blameless before him**. In **love**

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us for **adoption to himself as sons** through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace,

Ephesians 1:11 In him we have **obtained an inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,

Ephesians 1:14 who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that **you may know what is the hope to which he has called you**, what are **the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the **immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**, according to the working of his great might

Ephesians 2:1 And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins**

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once **walked**, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience**—

Ephesians 2:3 among whom **we all once lived** in the **passions of our flesh**, carrying out the **desires of the body** and the **mind**, and were by **nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

Ephesians 2:4 But **God, being rich in mercy**, because of the **great love with which he loved us**,

Ephesians 2:5 **even when we were dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by **grace you have been saved**—

Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**,

Ephesians 2:9 **not a result of works**, so that **no one may boast.**

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being**,

Ephesians 3:17 so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**—that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**,

Ephesians 3:18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to **know the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

Ephesians 4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds**.

Ephesians 4:18 They are **darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God** because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Ephesians 4:19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to **sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity**.

Ephesians 4:20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—

Ephesians 4:21 **assuming** that you have **heard about him** and were taught in him, as the **truth is in Jesus**,

Ephesians 4:22 to **put off your old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is **corrupt through deceitful desires**,

Ephesians 4:23 and to be **renewed in the spirit of your minds**,

Ephesians 4:24 and to **put on the new self**, created after the **likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness**.

Today's lesson

Ephesians 5:1 **Therefore** be **imitators** of God, as **beloved** (worthy of love) **children**.

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my **beloved Son**, with whom **I am well pleased**.”

Ephesians 5:2 And **walk in love**, as **Christ loved us** and **gave himself up for us**, a **fragrant offering** and **sacrifice** to God.

Genesis 8:21 And when the **LORD smelled the pleasing aroma**, the LORD said in his heart, “**I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.**”

Hebrews 10:11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same **sacrifices**, which **can never take away sins.**

Hebrews 10:12 But when Christ had **offered** for all time a single **sacrifice** for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Hebrews 10:14 For by a **single offering** he has **perfected for all time** those who are being **sanctified.**

Ephesians 5:3 But **sexual immorality** and all **impurity** or **covetousness** must not even be named among you, as is **proper among saints.**

Ephesians 5:4 Let there be **no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking**, which are **out of place**, but instead let there be **thanksgiving.**

Ephesians 5:5 For you may **be sure of this**, that **everyone** who is **sexually immoral** or **impure**, or **who is covetous (that is, an idolater)**, has **no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and **you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, **to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Galatians 5:18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: **sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,**

Galatians 5:20 **idolatry**, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

Galatians 5:21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and **things like these**. I warn you, as I warned you before, **that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And **those who belong to Christ Jesus** have crucified the flesh with its **passions and desires**.

Romans 8:8 Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God.**

Romans 8:9 You, however, **are not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if in fact the **Spirit of God dwells in you**. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of **these things** the **wrath of God** comes upon the **sons of disobedience**.

Ephesians 5:7 Therefore do not become **partners with them;**

Romans 6:2 By no means! How can we who died to **sin** still **live** in it?

Romans 6:7 For one who has died has been **set free from sin.**

Ephesians 5:8 for at **one time you were darkness**, but now **you are light** in the Lord. **Walk as children of light**

Psalms 16:11 **You make known to me the path of life;** in your **presence there is fullness of joy;** at your right hand are **pleasures forevermore.**

Titus 2:11 For the **grace of God** has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

Titus 2:12 **training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Hebrews 3:15 As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Suggested Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I ask You to forgive my sins and save me from eternal separation from God. By faith, I accept Your work and death on the cross as sufficient payment for my sins. Thank You for providing the way for me to know You and to have a relationship with my heavenly Father. Through faith in You, I have eternal life. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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