

Ephesians 5:5-21 • Do Not, Because, You Were, but Now, You Are

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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 become partners with them;

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

(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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!

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**.

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

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

1Thessalonians 5:5 For you are all **children of light**, children of the day. **We are not of the night or of the darkness**.

1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may **proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

Colossians 1:13 He has **delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

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.**

Ephesians 5:9 (for the **fruit of light** is found in all that is **good and right and true**),

Ephesians 5:10 and try to **discern what is pleasing to the Lord.**

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may **discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the **unfruitful works of darkness**, but instead **expose them.**

1John 3:10 By this it is **evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil**: whoever **does not** practice righteousness **is not** of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

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.

Ephesians 5:12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

Ephesians 5:13 But when anything is **exposed by the light**, it becomes visible,

John 3:1-2a Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **This man came to Jesus by night...**

John 3:19 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world**, and people **loved the darkness rather than the light** because their works were evil.

John 3:20 For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and **does not come to the light**, lest his **works should be exposed.**

Ephesians 5:14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and **arise from the dead**, and **Christ will shine on you.**"

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Ephesians 5:15 **Look carefully then how you walk**, not as unwise but as wise,

Ephesians 5:16 making the **best use of the time**, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore **do not be foolish**, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.**

Ephesians 5:18 And **do not get drunk with wine**, for that is debauchery, but be **filled with the Spirit**,

Ephesians 5:19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with **thankfulness in your hearts to God**.

Ephesians 5:20 **giving thanks always and for everything** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 5:21 **submitting** (to place or arrange under) to **one another** out of **reverence for Christ**.

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Do not partner with the sons of disobedience. You used to be a son of disobedience but now YOU ARE a saint, holy, blameless, an adopted beloved child, who is a member of God's household. Look carefully then how you walk, you are a child of the King. Walk and be filled with the Spirit. You will naturally bear the fruit of the light. Give thanks always and arrange yourself under one another, for this leads to unity.

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