

EPHESIANS - LESSON NINE

INTRODUCTION

At times God's people need a "wake-up" call reminding them that they are different from the disobedient world. Paul reminds Christians to not be deceived with empty words, but know judgment is coming on those who practice the works of darkness (v.6). He exhorts the Christian to not only refrain from practicing these things, but reprove these unfruitful works as well (v.11). Let us now investigate how God wants his people to be children of light, walking in wisdom.

I. OUR WALK BEFORE THE SENSUAL WORLD: AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT IN WISDOM (5:3-21).

A. Walk as children of light (v.3-14)

1. Things not part of the life of children of light (v.3-4).
 - a) Fornication
 - b) Uncleanness
 - c) Covetousness
 - d) Instead of thanksgiving coming from the mouth, filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting proceeds.
2. The wrath of God is upon those who practice these things - be not deceived (v.5-6).
3. Have no fellowship with darkness by practicing these things - reprove them (v.7-14).

B. Walk in wisdom (v.15-21).

1. In evil times be wise by buying up opportunities and understanding the will of the Lord (v.16-17).
2. Instead of being drunken with wine, be under the control of the Holy Spirit (v.18-20)
 - a) Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
 - b) Making melody in the heart with thanksgiving unto the Lord .
3. Submitting to one another in the fear of Christ (v.20).

QUESTIONS:

1. What three things are definitely not befitting for a Christian to do?
2. Is all humorous jesting wrong?
What kind of jesting is wrong?
3. What is one type of speech always befitting of a Christian?

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4. What can we forget concerning the state of the world if we are not listening to God in his Word?
5. What is the covetous man called? Explain.
6. How does one go about "proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord" ?
7. Is it enough for the Christian to just "ignore" evil?
8. How shameful are many of the works of darkness?
9. Is everything that is exposed to the light made to be light?
10. From what kind of death does God call us to arise?
Explain what will result?
11. What are we to do that shows we are living wisely?
12. Can God's will for our lives be clearly understood?
If not, who is at fault?
13. We are not to be _____ with wine?
14. What is "riot" and where is it found?
15. How are we "filled with the Spirit" ?

16. Describe the three types of materials we are to sing.
Does this have anything to do with public worship?

17. Has God specified the instrument he wants us to use in our song service?
Why is this fact important in our worship unto God?

18. Describe what our singing should be like if it is pleasing unto the Lord?

19. What does the fear or reverence of Christ cause us to do?