



Ephesians
Sermon 10
Ephesians 5:1-21

Sermon Study Guide Questions
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Review:

Last week, we were called to live the new life by taking off the old self (which belongs to your former way of life), and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. In our study, we understood that we are to put aside our sinful actions. We realize that when we are in sin we are grieving the Holy Spirit of God, who has sealed us for the day of redemption. Therefore, we must deal with sin before we give the enemy an opportunity to cause our hearts to be calloused. As Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.”

This week, as a result of this lesson we will find encouragement to walk in the light and turn away from the darkness within the world. We are to grow up in every way into Him.

Read Ephesians 5:1-21

Let's see how Paul pleads with the Christians to live their lives for Christ.

- What specific actions distinguish the Christian lifestyle from the pagan lifestyle (4:25 -5:4)?

- Paul urges us to model our lives in accordance with the high calling of God's people. In 4:1 and 5:2, what is the high calling that God has given us to live?

- What attributes does He give in 5:2-21 of living according to the Spirit?
- If the church is not a building, but rather the people of God, what should the church be like?
- Why is important for Christians to look different than the world?
- Why is there a problem when the culture inside the church looks like the culture outside the church?

- How can someone be attracted to Christ if they cannot see the difference between themselves and the people who are supposed to be different?
- What is the model that Paul holds up for us to follow and how does that play out in actual living? (5:1)
- Paul writes to the believers in Ephesians 5:3-5 about sins that they faced daily- what are they? How does he tell them to deal with these sins?
- What is the difference between “foolish talk or coarse joking” and a good story that makes you laugh? (5:4)

- Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. What is unique about the sin of sexual immorality?
- In 1 Corinthians 6:18 it says that we should “flee” from those things that would pollute the body. Make a list of some of the sins from Ephesian 5:3-5. Circle the ones you are battling.
- How can the believer be deceived by empty words and become partners with those who deny the truth – what happens in this situation? (5:5-7)
- Paul reminds us that “once you were in darkness but now, you are light in the Lord.” Why is Paul reminding them and us of this contrast? (5:8-14) How is a child of God supposed to walk in the world?

- Paul charges the believers to live as children of light. If we live as children of the light- God will use us to expose what?
- Verse 14 is not a direct quote from Old Testament Scripture but was probably taken from a hymn well known to the Ephesians. The hymn seems to have been based on Isaiah 26:19; 51:17; 52:1; 60:1; and Malachi 4:2. Paul was appealing to the Ephesians to wake up and realize the dangerous condition into which some of them had been slipping. What are some of his remedies for their condition?
- When you expose the darkness that is inside your heart, you will discover the sin(s) that needs to be brought out of secret and dealt with. Read 1 John 1:6-10 and personalize it in your own words.

Read Ephesians 5:15-21

- Paul exhorts the believers to be careful of what and make use of every opportunity for what?
- What does Paul warn the believers to avoid and not to engage in? (5:15-18)
- What are Christians to be filled with and practice continually in fellowship as listed in verses 19-20? How does this help guard our heart from the evil one?

Compare Paul's Spirit-filled life with your own life. In comparison, how full have you been with the Holy Spirit this week. What do you want make time for, so that He may fill you more?

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