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THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS (5)

Walking in Love, Light and Wisdom

Message Notes

In the first three chapters of Ephesians the Apostle Paul shares Information and Revelation, then in chapters 4, 5 & 6 that Information and Revelation becomes Transformation.

This Transformation by the Power of the Word and the Power of the Spirit enables, empowers and equips the believer to:

- Walk in Love,
- Walk in the Light
- Walk in Wisdom

Eph 4:22

.... put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

What is unique about our Christian Lifestyle is that the power to Walk in Love, Walk in the Light and Walk in Wisdom comes from TRANSFORMATION, that comes from APPLICATION of the INFORMATION and the REVELATION of GODS WORD

We cannot live the Christian life externally unless we have put on the new man internally. This NEW CREATION THEOLOGY empowers believers to walk in Gods ways.....

The glory of Christian morality is that a Christian is not just a moral person but a person who has been changed on the inside by the Spirit of God so that there is a Holy Spirit morality that flows out. Otherwise, Christianity is just another set of moral rules....

BUT we might still say:

HOW PAUL, HOW? He shows us in:

Eph 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

I love that - That's exactly how children learn

- Mimicking their parent
- Mimicking words
- Mimicking actions

It's actually how we learn all the way through life.

- Watch
 - See
 - Do
 - Evaluate
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Being like Jesus is ultimately what it means to be a Christian. We are not trying to be good for the sake of being good. We are endeavoring to be like Jesus. Asking ourselves the question 'WWJD' – What Would Jesus Do?

We are made in the Image of God - It means we're built to reflect God. Our lives are always going to reflect something. We are continually reflecting whatever we're facing. Is it going to be the negative situations and the challenging circumstances or we are going to face and reflect God. No wonder Hebrews 12:2 says: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith"

Eph 5:3-7

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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 be partakers with them.

Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,

Arise from the dead,

And Christ will give you light."

Verse 11... have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. The Greek word 'expose' literally means to win, to persuade, or to convince.

It's not expose to destroy but expose to win over! What is really interesting, where the verse says:"have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness ..."It doesn't say, "Have no fellowship with the people."

Eph 5:15-20

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ