

# EPHESIANS 5:15-21

LESSON 32

## *Walk Circumspectly*

### 1. Ephesians 5:15-16 – Walk Circumspectly

- a. Chapter 4-5 – How to respond to sin: 1) stop it; 2) avoid it; 3) reprove it.
- b. Focusing on what not to do can keep you from doing anything – Rom 8:1
- c. The best way to stop doing wrong is by doing right – ask, “how do I walk?”
- d. Circumspect walk = look around before you take a step – walk with intention – as wise
- e. Eph 5:2 – How to follow God? walk in love? People do what they love – John 3:19-21
- f. Love God and you will reap good fruit acc. to his will & Spirit with thanks & obedience

### 2. Ephesians 5:16-17 – Redeeming the Time

- a. “*redeeming the time*” – Requires changing what you do. God’s will not the culture’s.
- b. Redeeming the culture dresses up like darkness instead of wearing light on their sleeve.
- c. “*the days are evil*” – b/c they don’t do God’s will - Mic 2:3, Rom 11:32, Gal 1:4, Eph 6:12
- d. The time for salvation is now – 2 Cor 6:2, Rom 13:11
- e. You do not have endless time with people before they or you are gone – Col 4:2-5
- f. What is the right thing to do? The will of God: Eph 1:9-10 , 1 Tim 2:4, 1Th 4:3, 5:16-18
- g. Stop searching for what to do with “your life” and recognize your life is His.
- h. Time spent doing right is time taken from the evil day. Redeem the time!

### 3. Ephesians 5:18 – Be Filled With the Spirit

- a. Drunkenness and the Spirit comes up in another place – Acts 2:4-16
- b. They were filled without effort – we are told to “be filled” – Eph 5:18
- c. What fills you is what motivates, moves, or controls you.
- d. People get drunk because they are filled with confusion, sorrow, despair, vanity, etc.
- e. To be filled is to abound, entire, complete, mature, well fed – w/Spirit not the flesh.
- f. What abounds in you? Col 2:7, 1 Th 4:1-2, 1 Cor 15:58, 16:15, 1Th 3:12, Phil 1:9, 2 Ti 1:4
- g. Paul had to learn how to suffer need and abound – Phil 4:12, 18, 1Tim 6:6

### 4. Ephesians 5:19-21- Melody In Your Heart

- a. There were shameful things to speak in Eph 5:12, but now Eph 5:16, Col 3:16
- b. Worship is not the same as singing in big churches with the “praise band”
- c. Sounds like Ps 92:1-3 – Psalms (kind of music) sung with instrument; hymns (direction of music) = praise to God; spiritual songs (content of music) = not fleshly
- d. “*making melody in your heart*” – one sound (2 Chron 5:13), one will, one purpose
- e. “*to the Lord*” – The focus here is to the Lord in your heart, not from your mouth.
- f. Thanksgiving indicates the type of melody our hearts should sing.
- g. “*submitting yourselves*” – Spirit, Father, Son, others; your will not the priority in love
- h. See the Spirit, Father, and Son at work. God working in us to walk worthy.