

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 01 Sept 2019 ..... Ephesians 1:1-14..... Rejoice
- 2) 08 Sept ..... Ephesians 1:15-23..... Remembered
- 3) 15 Sept ..... Ephesians 2:1-10..... Resurrected
- 4) 22 Sept ..... Ephesians 2:11-22..... Reconciled
- 5) 29 Sept ..... Ephesians 3:1-13..... Revealed
- 6) 06 Oct ..... Ephesians 3:14-21..... Residence
- 7) 13 Oct ..... Ephesians 4:1-10..... Walking Together
- 8) 20 Oct ..... Ephesians 4:11-16..... Walking Forward
- 9) 27 Oct ..... Ephesians 4:17-32..... Walking Differently
- 10) 03 Nov ..... Ephesians 5:1-14..... Walking in Love**
- 11) 10 Nov ..... Ephesians 5:15-21..... Walking Wisely
- 12) 17 Nov ..... Ephesians 5:22-6:4..... Walking as Family
- 13) 24 Nov ..... Ephesians 6:5-20..... Walking to Battle

**INTRODUCTION**

- Sometimes we hear or speak some lofty words of wisdom, such as "Trust in Jesus and everything will be OK"
  - ♦ Those are nice, pious words at 10,000 feet, but we often need more concrete direction down at the street level?
    - What should we look at and not look at?
    - What should we think and not think?
    - What should we say and not say?
    - Where should we go and not go?
    - What should we do and not do?
- This lesson provides some street level guidance we so often need

Passage	Comments
Eph 5:1-2	<p><b>Imitate God – HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to be like little children who hang onto their Mom or Dad and watch their every move – and they pick up habits, mannerisms, &amp; tastes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ We need to saturate ourselves in God's word</li> <li>♦ We need to know and latch on to Godly mentors</li> <li>♦ How often do you read God's word? <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly? <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly? <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Who is your mentor(s)? Who are you mentoring?</li> <li>• Walk in Love – How? <input type="checkbox"/> Be self-sacrificing? HOW? <input type="checkbox"/> Be kind, gentle, patient? HOW?</li> </ul>
5:3-5	<p><b>Avoid All Forms of Immorality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid sins of the body (e.g., adultery, stealing)</li> <li>• Avoid sins of the thought life (e.g., greed)</li> <li>• Avoid sins of the tongue (i.e., dirty jokes, course jesting or making fun of people)</li> <li>• Instead, be encouraging, thankful, kind</li> <li>• Think before you act (what would Jesus do?)</li> <li>• Remember who wins – It is the ones who maintain purity in body, thought and talk Mat 5:8 – the Pure in Heart shall see God</li> </ul>
5:6-8	<p><b>Be not Deceived</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again, think through the issues before acting</li> <li>• Watch out for deceptive talk such as "if it feels good, do it"   "It's just a little lie"   "Come on, it'll be fun"</li> <li>• The "children of disobedience" inherit Hell through their willingness to go their own way</li> <li>• We are commanded not to chase after their ways – though we use to be just like them</li> <li>• Remember – the dog returns to its vomit ..... Pr 26:11</li> <li>• If we are 'children of the light' or kids of the king – then act accordingly (we have to work at this even though it is by grace we are saved)</li> <li>• If we are 'children of the light' – then we need to act accordingly                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ We have to work at being righteous, even though it is by grace we are saved, not by works.....Eph 2:8</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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5:9-10	<p><b>Bear Godly Fruit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The types of fruit people should see in us is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control (Gal 6:9-10), and don't forget righteousness &amp; truth. Are there others? <input type="checkbox"/> Discipline? <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerance? <input type="checkbox"/> Gratefulness? <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerfulness?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ BUT wait! Don't Mormons, Catholics, Hindus exhibit such "fruit" as well? What makes us different?</li> <li>♦ Our fruit has a way of confirming God's truth because only God can change the spots on a leopard – IOWs, convert a sinner into a saint and mature a weak saint into a strong, mature saint</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:11-12	<p><b>Expose sins but don't talk about them ..... HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A good example would be Child Molesters                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If we come across them in life, we should confront, contend with, convict, and even incarcerate them – but not dwell on their evil doings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are commanded not to even fellowship with such evil doers of 'unfruitful works of darkness' ..... Ps 26:4-5                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ BUT wait! Jesus fellowshipped with sinners! TRUE, but they were repentant sinners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:13-14	<p><b>Let the Light Shine and Do its Job ..... HOW?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are to be SALT in this world..... Mat 5:13</li> <li>• Our light of Christ (or saltiness) is evident in our Fruit of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• We should look attractive to the World (tasty looking fruit) &amp; also make them thirsty for God (our saltiness)</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- In golf there is a saying to "let the club do the work." In other words, you can be a better golfer if you would let the club do the work it was designed to do, and you would stop doing the club's job
- Same with Christ being the Light of the World – we need to exhibit His light honestly, truthfully, and righteously through the fruit we develop as we obey Him – then Christ is able to penetrate the hearts of the lost (let the club do the work).

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

- Mt 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God
- Mt 5:13** You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled
- **NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 5:15-21.** How to be a SuperChristian → and walk wisely, do the most with the little time that has been given to us, know what God's will is, be filled with the Holy Spirit, sing your hearts out, be always thankful, be subject to everyone → and do your day job, make the spouse happy, cut the grass, keep your kids out of trouble, and do your church work. Remember → With God's help we can crush an army and scale any wall ..... 2Samuel 22:30

