

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

- We are challenged to walk righteously in every moment, to be perfect (Matt 5:48) and holy (1Peter 1:16) as God is, to make the best use of the little time we have been given, to clearly know God's will for our lives, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to sing like there's no tomorrow, and to be subjective to everyone
- All that sounds interesting, but how do you please the Lord in all these things and still do your day job, keep your spouse happy, keep your kids out of trouble, and do your work at the church?
- Is God asking too much from or is this a job for **SuperChristian!**

Passage	Comments
Eph 5:15	<p>Walk Perfectly / Intentionally / Circumspectly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't be as blind men who stumble through life • God may not reveal to us where He wants us in 5 years, but we can make wise decisions for each door of opportunity He presents to us • When we need to make a decision always ask yourself what would a fool or a wise man do?
5:16	<p>Redeem the Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since God tries us every moment of every day, take advantage of those moments for godly purposes and eternal blessings • Can spending countless hours in front of TV or computer help us win heavenly rewards?
5:17	<p>Always know what God's will is (present tense)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have no excuse for not knowing God's will • Why did Paul say, "Be Not Unwise..." when it is easier and more positive to say "Be Wise..."? • How can we know God's will? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Is obedience involved? Is attitude important? • Can we know God's will in everything?
5:18	<p>Be filled with the Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why compare this with drunkenness? • How do you know if you are filled or need a filling of the Holy Spirit? • Do we need to feel something to know we are filled? Or is it by Faith and not by Sight?cf Romans 13:13
5:19	<p>Sing Your Heart Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • But what if you don't like singing? This gets deep!!! • Ps 95:1 encourages us to SING & SHOUT joyfully • If we half-heartedly sing to God, it could be akin to taking God's name in vain since it shows our disdain for God's greatness and reflects an ungrateful spirit
5:20	<p>Be Always Thankful to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this work when we lose loved ones? • Consider the loss of King David's son 2 Sam 12:20 • Consider Job when he lost 10 kids, his health & wealth, but he blessed God any way Job 1:21

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5:21	<p>Submit to One Another</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This even means husbands submit to wives • Do we submit every time for everything or just sometimes for some things? • Are there exceptions to submitting? • We should submit to secular rulers who have authority over us (employers & Govt) without disobeying God's higher laws and principles 1Peter 2:13 & Acts 5:29 • ...and we should submit to Christian leaders who have responsibilities for our wellbeing Heb 13:17

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Key to being a "perfect" Christian begins with our heart (our attitude and disposition)
 - ♦ Do we have a Thankful/Grateful/Joyful spirit?
 - ♦ Are we obedient to God's ways?
 - ♦ Are we humble and submissive where we need to be?
 - ♦ Do we do all things for God (i.e., redeeming the time)?
- If so, then the Holy Spirit is able to fully dwell within us to help us accomplish everything God wants us to accomplish
- And we are able to live this way without being neurotic or obsessive-compulsive... Though people might rightly label us as a "peculiar people" who are overly "zealous of good works" **Titus 2:14**

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

- Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness...
- Titus 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of good works.
- Heb 13:17** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 5:22-33. Marital bliss through godly submission

