

This week we will be focusing on our walk of faith. What we do with the time we are given. Read chapter 5, at least twice, before starting the study guide. Pray and ask God to bless your time in his word and to open your eyes, to the truth he longs for you to see.

Read verses 1-6 again and then let's take a closer look at them.

- 1. Who does Paul remind us that we are to imitate?**
- 2. Look back to Eph. 4:32. What will we be doing, if we imitate him?**
- 3. In verse 1, he refers to us as beloved. In the Greek, that word is *Agapetos*, which means much loved. Are you living like a "beloved child"?**
- 4. How does that make you feel, to hear Paul call you a beloved child of God? Do your children feel this way? As your child, are you helping them to feel they are beloved? If we are to imitate our heavenly Father, then we must parent as he parents.**
- 5. In Eph. 5:2, look up the word "walk" in a good Bible concordance if you have one, or go online to www.biblestudytools.com. Look up the verse in the KJV and click Strong's Concordance, to highlight the words. Now write a brief definition.**
- 6. According to verse 2, how are we to walk? Personalize verses 1-2. Write it out as a statement of commitment.**
- 7. Now go back and read your statement. Would you willingly sign your name to this commitment? If your answer is "Yes", then how do you plan to live today, to express this commitment?**

Let's take a few minutes to look back over our week, our words, our activities, our responses to others and our obedience to God, as he spoke to us; do we see a life lived as a sacrifice to God. If not, then we are not following Christ's example.

8. **Underline and define here, the three terms to be avoided, in vs. 3.**

9. **Let's write a short list of comparisons, from what we have seen, in Eph.4:32-5:3.**
God's love for us Satan's counterfeit for love

10. **To what extreme, does verse 3 say we should go, to keep away from these? Why do you suppose he would warn us this way?**

11. **Name some ways that believers might think it is okay, to give into these 3 sins?**

12. **Where does God's word draw the line, for this type of immorality and impurity? What are we doing, if we know God's word, but choose to draw the line in a different place than God?**

13. **We must live intentional lives, if we are going to effectively reach the lost world, for Christ. Look back at verse 2 again. How are we instructed to "walk"? Here are a few more verses that pertain to our walk.**

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Jn. 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

2 Jn. 1:6 and this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

14. Now underline and then define here, the words in verse 4, “which are out of place” in a believer’s conversations.

15. With what are we to fill our conversation?

16. When our conversations are filled with thanksgiving, who is our heart focused on?

17. How will our actions reflect our thankful heart?

18. What is God’s standard, his plumb line, for his children and their conversations?

Lev.11:45 For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy

19. So many Christians do not find it offensive, to watch a show that is leading us to laugh at immoral things or watch someone playing the part of a person in an inappropriate situation? Do you find that odd?

20. Read the verses below, to go along with verse 5, in order to more clearly understand what Paul is saying.

Gal. 5:21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Col. 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

1 Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Tim. 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

- 21. Notice the second half, of Rev.22:15 below. This is the walk and lifestyle, of the ungodly. What do they do, according to this verse? They _____ and _____ falsehood. (not truth)**

Rev. 22:15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

- 22. Paul's warning is clear, in verse 6. What does he mean by "empty words"? What are their words devoid of?**

Are there people today, who try to get us to believe that these things are not so bad? They tell us that our moral lifestyle is too stiff, too rigid and no fun. They want us to join in, on all their immorality, with them. They simply do not know the truth of God's word, nor will they, if we do not set an example. In setting this example, we must remember Eph. 4:32 – 5:2, then we will have a life they will desire also.

- 23. What are some changes God has spoken to you about, through this study of His word?**

- 24. How and when are you planning to incorporate these changes into your life?**

- 25. Now read verses 7-14. Underline the clear instruction given believers, in verse 7. How do the two scriptures below, further clarify, how a child of God's is to live and walk in this world?**

2 Cor. 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 Cor. 6:17-18 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

- 26. In what ways do believers partner with unbelievers, and then suffer the consequences?**

- 27. How is our walk described in vs. 8? What are we to be busy discerning? Vs. 10**

28. Is it enough for us to simply avoid personal participation, in evil doings and immoral lifestyles? Vs.11

How are we to expose them? (Keep in mind Eph.4:32.)

Why are we to expose them? Read Matt.5:13-16 before writing your answer.

Matt. 5:13-16 *"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 under people's feet.14" You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

29. Read Eph. 5: 15-21 and make a list, for living a godly life and walking in truth. (Go through and highlight or underline first, it will help you see them more clearly.)

30. Read verse 15. What are the only two choices, for our life and walk?

31. Why is it so important that we live a purposeful life? (I heard someone say once, "This isn't a dress rehearsal, this is the only chance we get to perform well.")

32. What is the most valuable commodity, that we have to give? Why?

33. Since there are really only two ways to use our time; wisely and foolishly, what choice will you make today? Will this choice change your "to do list"?

34. If you have children that you are still training at home, how will you incorporate the truth you have seen in this chapter, in order to better equip them, to walk pleasing to the Lord?