

Who We Are: The Believer's **Blessings** in Christ (1-3)

Our Possessions in Christ (1:1-14)

- From the Father (1:1-6)
- From the Son (1:7-12)
- From the Spirit (1:13-14)
- Prayer for enlightenment (1:15-23)

Our Position in Christ (2)

- Raised and seated on the throne (2:1-10)
- Reconciled and set into the temple (2:11-22)

Our Place in Christ...Mystery (3)

- Prayer for enablement (3:14-21)

Becoming: The Believer's **Behavior** in Christ (4-6)

Our Walk in Christ (4-5)

- Walk in unity (4:1-16)
- Walk in purity (4:17-32)
- Walk in love (5:1-6)
- Walk in the light (5:7-14)
- Walk carefully (5:15-17)
- Walk in harmony (5:18-6:9)
 - Husbands and wives (5:18-33)
 - Parents and children (6:1-4)
 - Masters and servants (6:5-9)

Our Warfare in Christ (6:10-24)

Helpful Online Sources:

Precept Austin - Amazing online resource with many commentaries and helps: including David Guzik, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Ray Stedman, C.H. Spurgeon, John Piper and many more!
http://preceptaustin.org/Job_commentaries.htm

You Version - with multiple translations. You can get this online or with a mobile device. They even have audio files of the Bible that you can listen <http://www.youversion.com/>

Calvary Roswell - Previous messages and overview studies by Pastor Jim in Job:
<http://www.calvaryroswell.com/biblestudies/WednesdayBibleStudies/Ephesians/Index.htm>

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*Open thou mine eyes, that I
 may behold wondrous things
 out of thy law.
 Psalms 119:18*

Ephesians 5:1-21

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As he encourages us to live godly lives, Paul takes us to *the temple* (vv. 1–7) and reminds us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. If we walk in love, our lives will be living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1–2; Phil. 2:17), fragrant to the Lord (John 12:1–8). Sin is ugly and a stench in God’s nostrils (Isa. 3:24).

Then Paul goes to *the field* (vv. 8–14) and reminds us that walking in the light produces spiritual fruit (Gal. 5:22–23). If we walk in the light, we cannot have fellowship with the darkness (2 Cor. 6:14–18).

He takes us to *the marketplace* (vv. 15–17) and exhorts us to be like good merchants who know how to buy up an opportunity. When you walk in wisdom, you use your time wisely.

Then we follow him to *the banqueting hall* (vv. 18–21) and learn to walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16–26) and be joyful, thankful, and submissive to one another.

Paul’s last visit is to *the home* (vv. 22–33) where he uses marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and the church. Christ *loved* us and died for us, but today He *loves* us and cares for us. This intimate life is pictured in the Song of Solomon and can be a reality for all who will yield to Him.

Under the Spirit’s Influence

To be “filled with” means “to be controlled by” (Luke 4:28; 5:26). On the day of Pentecost, the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and were accused of being drunk (Acts 2:13). Just as a drunk is influenced by alcohol, so a believer should be controlled by the Spirit. However, there are important differences. The drunk loses self-control, but the Spirit gives the believer self-control (Gal. 5:23). The drunk has an artificial happiness that does not last, while the Spirit-filled believer has a deep joy in the Lord.

Drunken people do stupid things that hurt others and bring them embarrassment, but Spirit-filled believers help others and live to the glory of God.

1. Can you think of a way that you have imitated God in the way you’ve shown somebody love in the past few weeks? Is there a way the Holy Spirit is showing you here and now that you can walk in sacrificial love? As a believer in Christ, how often do you seriously reflect on your behavior in all spheres of life as becoming of your Christian calling?
2. What does Paul mean by “You are the light in the Lord?” What does this say about our nature in Christ? What does the fruit/light image represent? Do you know through personal experience if this pleases the Lord?
3. What caution does Paul give to believers (vs. 15)? What does he mean by “because the days are evil”? What contrast does Paul make in verse 17? How do you discern the Lord’s will for your life?
4. What should we be filled with? How should we speak to one another? How are we to submit to one another? As a believer, are we conscience of the fact that our Christian moral behavior is an example and witness of Christ’s love for the world?