

## ***STUDYING THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

### **Lesson 9 - Living as Children of Light (continued) - Ephesians 5:1-21**

**Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.**

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EPH 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children [2] and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPH 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. [4] Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. [5] For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.\* [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. [7] Therefore do not be partners with them.

EPH 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light [9] (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) [10] and find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. [13] But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

EPH 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. [18] Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, [20] always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPH 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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97. How are Christians to imitate God? (5:1-2)
98. From what practices should Christians abstain? (5:3-6)
99. Whom do we need to avoid? Why? (5:5-7)
100. Why should Christians not become partners with non-Christians? (5:7-8)
101. How does life in darkness contrast with life in the light? (5:9-20)
102. How should Spirit-controlled believers relate to one another? (5:21)

### **Lesson 10 - Wives and Husbands - Ephesians 5:22-33**

EPH 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

EPH 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her [26] to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, [27] and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. [28] In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- [30] for we are members of his body. [31] "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." [32] This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. [33] However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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### **Lesson 10 - Wives and Husbands - Ephesians 5:22-33**

103. What service should wives render to the Lord? (5:22)
104. What is the relationship of the husband to the wife? (5:23)
105. How is Christ's headship of the church an example to the husband? (5:23)

106. How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives? (5:24)
107. How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (5:25)
108. How did Christ prepare a bride for Himself? (5:26-27)
109. How should husbands love their wives? (5:28-30)
110. How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? (5:31)
111. How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? (5:32)
112. In sum, what are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? (5:33)