

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

April 10, 2024

Series - The Life and Writings of the Apostle Paul

The Prison Epistles

The Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians – Chapter Five and Six

Memory Verse - Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Introduction

Chapters five and six continue the practical portion of this letter which began in chapter four.

I Characteristics of our Walk (5:1 – 21) {continued from Chapter 4}

A Walk in Love (vs. 1 – 2)

Christ is our example. We are to follow him.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
(Romans 5:8)

B Walk in Light (vs. 3 – 14)

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)

These verses deal with our separation from the children of darkness. Your light can be seen by what you do not do as much as what you do.

C Walk in Labour {circumspectly} (vs. 15 – 21)

- 1 Redeeming the time (v. 16)
- 2 Recognizing His will (v. 17)
- 3 Replete with the Spirit (v. 18)
- 4 Rejoicing in your heart (v. 19)
- 5 Remembering to be thankful (v. 20)
- 6 Regarding others before self (v. 21)

II Correction in our Relationships (5:22 – 6:9)

A Wives (vs. 22 – 24)

B Husbands (vs. 25 – 33)

C Children (vs. 6:1 – 4)

D Servants (vs. 5 – 8)

E Masters (v. 9)

III Cautions regarding our Strength (6:10 – 20)

A The Adversary (vs. 11 – 12)

- 1 Principalities – potentates; leaders; generals
- 2 Powers – meaning those under authority
- 3 Rulers of the darkness of this world – political power
- 4 Spiritual wickedness in high places - religious power

B The Armour (vs. 13 – 17)

- 1 Loins are to be girt about with truth. (v. 14)
- 2 Put on the breastplate of righteousness. (v. 14)
- 3 Feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel. (v. 15)
- 4 Take the shield of faith. (v. 16)
- 5 Take the helmet of salvation. (v. 17)

C The Ammo {Weapons} (vs. 17 – 20)

- 1 The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. (v. 17)
- 2 Prayer (vs. 18 – 20)

IV Concluding Remarks (vs. 21 – 24)