

Men's Bible Study **Calvary Chapel** Cajon

Ephesians 5:8-21

Pray; Read Ephesians 5:8-21

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. Ephesians 5:8-21 has been divided into two sections. List below the subject(s) covered in each section.

Verses 8-14

Verses 15-21

How would you title each section? Record your titles on the **At a Glance Chart**.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

God, Jesus (Christ/Lord), Spirit, and wise

New to this lesson: *darkness, light, walk, and unwise*

Term of conclusion: *therefore*; Contrast: *but*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Ephesians 5:8-21. Remember, as you mark the words *God* and *Jesus*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

3. In Ephesians 5:8-21, Paul contrasts the works of *darkness* and the works of *light*. The contrasting term *but* is used six times in this section to reveal the contrasts. Scan the verses containing this key word and fill in the blanks below to reveal the contrasts.

Verse

8 For you were once _____, **but** _____ you are _____ in the _____.

11 And have no _____ with the _____ works of _____, **but** rather _____ them.

12,13 For it is _____ even to _____ of those things which are _____ by them in _____. **But** all things that are _____ are made _____ by the _____...

- 15 See then that you _____, not as _____ **but** as wise,
- 17 Therefore do not be _____, **but** _____ what the _____ of
the _____ is.
- 18 And do not be _____ with _____...; **but** be _____ with the _____,

a. Which contrasts interests you the most? Why?

4. In Ephesians 5:8, Paul uses two words to describe our lives before and after we became believers. What are they?

a. In what ways was your life before knowing Jesus *dark*?

b. In what ways is your life as a believer *light*?

5. The following verse mentions three *fruit of the Spirit*. Galatians 5:22-23 lists nine. What are they?

a. These attributes are not a *fruit* of effort and hard work. How have you personally discovered this truth?

6. As *children of the light* we should be walking in the *fruit of the Spirit*. Ephesians 5:11 reminds us that *darkness* produces *fruit* of its own. How is this *fruit* described?

a. We are not only to *have no fellowship* with these *unfruitful works*, what are we to do?

1.) The word *expose* might also be translated as *reprove* or *rebuke* or even *tell a fault*. What do you think Paul is instructing us to do here?

7. Read Ephesians 5:12. To *speak of these works of darkness* without *exposing* them for what they are or *reproving* them, would be wrong. According to verse 13, what does the *light* do?
 - a. What does John 3:20,21 teach us about this?

 - b. How does *light* affect *darkness*?

8. Ephesians 5:14 begins with the term of conclusion *therefore*. Because Paul has established the importance of *light*, what does he tell us to do?
 - a. Although all believers are *children of the light*, it is our responsibility to walk in the *light* God has provided. According to this verse, why don't some Christians experience *light*?

9. Ephesians 5:15 encourages us to walk *as wise*. What does verse 16 tell us to do?
 - a. There are many ways to *redeem the time*. Those who *redeem the time* make the most of the time and opportunities given to them. What are some examples of *redeeming the time*?

 - b. Few would disagree with Ephesians 5:16. Yet, many fail to obey it. What are some reasons for this failure in the lives of many believers?

10. Ephesians 5:17 concludes that one way to *redeem the time* is to *understand what the will of the Lord is*. This verse parallels verse 10. What is the instruction of verse 10?
 - a. Too often we fret because we don't know God's will in a specific situation. Yet, much of God's *will* can be known. Look up the following verses and record what they reveal about this subject:
 - Proverbs 2:5

 - Proverbs 14:8

 - John 7:17

 - Romans 12:2

 - 1 Peter 4:2

b. Briefly explain what a believer can know about God's *will*.

11. The eighteenth verse of Ephesians 5 commands us, *And do not be drunk with wine*. What reason follows this command?

Challenge: Define *dissipation* as it is used in this verse.

a. Rather than *be drunk with wine*, what are we to do?

12. What does Ephesians 5:19 tells us to do?

a. What is your favorite:

psalm

hymn

spiritual song (for the purpose of this lesson – Christian/ worship song)

13. What have you found to be the fruit of *singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*?

14. Paul continues his instructions in verse 20. Using this verse, answer the following questions:

a. What are we to do?

b. Who are we to *give thanks* to?

c. In Whose *name* are we to *give thanks*?

d. How often are we to *give thanks*?

e. For how many things are we to *give thanks*?

15. What have you found to be the fruit of *giving thanks*?

16. Why do you think the believer must be reminded to obey the commands of Ephesians 5:20?

17. Ephesians 5:21 introduces the concept of *submission*, which we will study in depth in our next lesson. According to this verse, who are we to *submit* to?

Challenge: Define *submission* using a Bible dictionary.

- a. We have been taught that *submission* involves obeying authority. Since verse 21 tells us to *submit to one another*, how do we do that?

- b. What kinds of behaviors are opposite of *submission*?

18. Ephesians 5:14 commands *Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead*. What practical suggestions would you give to a *sleeping* believer who needs to *arise from the dead*?

19. In what ways are you challenged by this lesson?

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 1 John 1:7