**R1041 - Rumination for January 12, 2025**

The **T**heme: **The Walk of the Christian** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *And walk in love…* Eph. 5:1

**The Thots:**

Intro. Now that New Year **D**ay has **D**awned and gone, it is time for us to go for our walk **D**own the **D**ays ahead.

Thus, The Walk of the Christian: **Eph. 5:1-18**

1. **Walk in Love.** Eph. 5:1, 2
2. **C**hrist is our **E**xample. 5:1, 2

*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And ﻿walk in love, ﻿as Christ also hath loved us,*

*and ﻿hath given Himself for us ﻿an offering and a* ***S****acrifice to God for ﻿a* ***S****weet-****S****melling* ***S****avour.*

1. **C**haracteristics to be **E**xpunged. Eph. 5:3-5
2. What we should not do – 5:3

*But ﻿﻿fornication, and all ﻿uncleanness, or ﻿covetousness, let it not be once ﻿named among you,*

*as becometh saints; Neither ﻿filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, ﻿which are not convenient:*

1. What we should do: *but rather giving of thanks.* 5:4
2. What we should know: *For this ye know, that ﻿no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, ﻿who is an idolater, ﻿hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.* 5:5
3. The **C**ategorical **E**xhortation; 5:6, 7
4. Do not be **D**eceived. *Let no man deceive you with vain words:*

*for ﻿because of these things cometh ﻿the wrath of God upon ﻿the children of ﻿disobedience.* 5:6

1. Rather Be **D**ecisive – *Be not ye therefore ﻿partakers with them.* 5:7
2. **Walk in Light. Eph. 5:8-14**
3. The **C**hildren of **Li**ght. 5:8-10
4. They **W**alk in the **Lord** – N*ow are ye light in the Lord: ﻿walk as ﻿children of light:* 5:8
5. They **W**itness to the Fruit of **the Spirit**. 5:9

` *For ﻿the fruit of the Spirit is in all ﻿goodness and righteousness and truth;*

1. They do the **W**ill of **God** – *Proving what is ﻿acceptable unto the Lord* 5:10

*That ye may ﻿prove what is that good, and ﻿acceptable, and perfect, ﻿will of God* cp. Rom. 12:2b

1. The **C**ontrast in **L**iving

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|  | Children of Light |  | Children of Darkness |
| a. | They bear the Fruit of the Spirit, v. 9  *(For ﻿the fruit of the Spirit is in all ﻿goodness and righteousness and truth;)* | a. | They Do the works of Darkness, v. 11  *And ﻿have no fellowship with the ﻿unfruitful ﻿works of darkness, but rather ﻿reprove them.* |
| b. | Their Fruitful Works, v. 9 – as above. | b. | Their Unfruitful works., v. 11 – as above |
| c. | They are **A**wake, v. 14 –***Awake*** *thou that sleepest,* ***and ﻿arise from the dead****, and Christ shall give thee light.* | c. | They are **A**sleep, v. 14 – *…Awake* ***thou that sleepest****, and ﻿arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.* |
| d. | They do things openly, v. 13 – *all things that are ﻿reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever ﻿doth make manifest is light.* | d. | They do things secretly, v. 12 –  *For ﻿it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.* |

1. **Walk in Wisdom. Eph. 5:15-18**
2. Understand the **W**orld around. 5:15

*See then that ﻿ye* ***W****alk ﻿circumspectly, not as fools, but ﻿as* ***W****ise,*

1. Understand the Times and avoid evil **W**ays: 5:16

*Redeeming ﻿the time, ﻿because the days are evil.*

1. Understand the **W**ill of God. 5:17

*Wherefore ﻿be ye not unwise, but understanding what ﻿the* ***W****ll of the Lord is.*

Conclusion:

*And ﻿be not drunk with* ***W****ine, wherein is ﻿excess; but ﻿be filled with the Spirit;*  5:18

*Walking close to Jesus, With Him ever near,*

*I have but to trust Him, There is naught to fear;*

*And His love shall shield me, In Him life is all,*

*With His arms about me I can never fall.*

*Safe in His love,*

*Nearer to the Father In the home for all above.* Mattie Alice Jones

**Points To Ponder:** *Two people* ***S****tep out on the Beach, but only one* ***S****et of footprints Register in the* ***S****and –*

*Reason? – Walking with Jesus alone!*