

WALKING AFTER THE NEW MAN  
EPH. 5:1-7

Introduction:

- A. The saved person has two natures.
  - 1. The "old man." [Hog nature, body.]
  - 2. The "new man." [Sheep nature, spirit.]
  
- B. The Old Man is the way of the world.
  - 1. 4:17-19.
  - 2. The Old Man cannot be ignored.
    - a. It must be Put Off. v22
    - b. It must be crucified daily.
    - c. It was put to death symbolically.
  
- C. The New Man is the spiritual man.
  - 1. 4:24.
  - 2. It has both positive and negative characteristics.
    - a. Negative = v4:25-31.
    - b. Positive = v4:32.
  - 3. Some more positive and some more negative.

I. FOLLOW AFTER GOD.

- A. "be ye therefore followers of God."
  - 1. followers = mimietes - an imitator - mimic.
  - 2. be ye = imperataive.
  
- B. "as dear children."
  - 1. dear = agapetos - beloved.
  - 2. children = teknon = that which is born.
  
- C. Follow God as His child in the same manner as a loving child follows its father.

II. WALK IN LOVE. V2



- A. "and walk in love."
  - 1. walk - peripateo - to walk about, conduct.
  - 2. love - agape.
  
- B. "as Christ also hath loved us and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."
  - 1. given = paradidomi = to deliver over.
  - 2. offering = prosphora = oblation, without blood.
  - 3. sacrifice = thusia = offering of animals from a flock, killed at the holy place, offered on an altar

### III. AVOID ALL ILLICIT SEXUAL ACTIVITY. V3

- A. "but fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints."
  - 1. fornication = porneia = illicit sex activity.
  - 2. uncleanness = akotharsia - impurity, filthiness.
  - 3. covetousness = pleoneksia = the will to have more, seeking advantaged, superiority, a larger portion.
  
- B. "let it not be once named among you."
  - 1. Don't even talk about such things.
  - 2. Live so well that it is never suggested that you would be guilty of such sins.
  
- C. "as becometh saints."
  - 1. As befits God's people.
  - 2. The life of scandal does not fit the people of God.

### IV. AVOID UNCHRISTIAN TALK.

- A. "neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient."
  - 1. filthiness = aischrotes = shameful deformity, grotesque, obscenity, opposite of purity, ugliness.
  - 2. foolish talking = morologia - moron words, foolish talk, silly talk, that talk of fools which is sin.

3. jesting = eutrapegia - turning a discourse to humor, deceptive speech, faceous orators. Robert Schuler.

B. "but rather giving of thanks."

1. A sense that we owe all to God.
2. Giving of thanks to Almighty God for all He is and all He has done for us is never out of place.

V. THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS NO PLACE FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES. V5

A. "for this ye know."

1. iste, oida - know of a surety.
2. "Be well assured."

B. "that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater."

1. whoremonger - pornos - one who practices sexual immorality.
2. unclean person - akathartos - unpurified, in a Levitical sense, unatoned, morally = impure.
3. covetous = pleonektes - a defrauder for gain.
4. idolator = eidololatres - idol worshipper.

C. "hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

1. inheritance = kleronomia - receiver or a possessor of a portion.
2. Those whose character is such.

VI. DON'T BE DECEIVED BY VAIN WORDS AS TO GOD'S DISAPPROVAL.

- A. v6,7 = Such people as are mentioned here will continually try to lead you astray. They are "unclean" that is unatoned for, They do wrong and they insist that you do wrong. They assure you that nothing will happen to you. That you need the diversion and relaxation such sins afford.

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- B. "Let no man deceive you with vain words."
  - 1. deceive = apatato - to lead astray, to mislead.
  - 2. vain = kenos - empty, without content, empty words which have no inner substance and kernel of truth, hollow sophistries and apologies for sin.
  
- C. "for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."
  - 1. Refers to those mentioned in verse 5.
  - 2. wrath = orge.
  - 3. disobedience = apeitheia - a Semitic expression indicating that the chief characteristic of the person is one of disobedience.
    - a. Could a Saved Person Contact Aids?
  
- D. "be not ye therefore partakers with them."
  - 1. partakers = summetochos - partner, one who shares together with another.
  - 2. "You will share with them the displeasure of Almighty God."
  - 3. Saved people can suffer with the children of disobedience if they sin with them.

VII. FOLLOW GOD, WALK IN LOVE.

