

“The Gospel Fruit of Love, Light, and Diligence”

Ephesians 5:1-21

The Book of Ephesians

Theme: The Jesus Seed always and inevitably produces the gospel fruit of love, light, and diligence.

Outline:

- I. The Gospel Fruit of Love (vv. 1-6)
 - A. The Exhortation (v. 1)
 - B. The Illustration (v. 2)
 - C. The Prohibition (vv. 3-6)
 - 1. The Contrast (vv. 3, 4)
 - 2. The Consequences (vv. 5, 6)
 - 3. The Counsel (v. 7)
- II. The Gospel Fruit of Light (5:7-14)
 - A. Command to avoid partnership with darkness (Ephesians 5:7)
 - B. Explanation of past and present states (Ephesians 5:8)
 - C. Command to walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-9)
 - D. Description of the fruit of light (Ephesians 5:9)**
 - C'. Command to discern what is pleasing to the Lord (Ephesians 5:10)
 - B'. Explanation of exposing the works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11-12)
 - A'. Command to wake up and arise (Ephesians 5:14)
- III. The Gospel Fruit of Diligence [Caution] (vv. 15-21)
 - A. The Exhortation - Since the days are evil, be careful as to how you live (vv. 15-18)
 - Unwise **alla** wise (v. 15)
 - Do not be unwise **alla** understand God's will (v. 17)
 - Do not be drunk **alla** be Spirit filled (v. 18)
 - B. The Description – The Spirit Filled Church (vv. 18-21)
 - 1. A positive use of words for edification (v. 19a)
 - 2. A celebrative worship seen through song (v.19b)
 - 3. A comprehensive expression of gratitude (v.20)
 - 4. A submissive response toward others (v.21)

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Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. Know who you are. You are a child of the light. You are light in Christ and by the indwelling Spirit.
2. Guard the unity of the Church. You guard unity by standing against division.
3. In our corporate gathering, see this as God's ordinary means of grace (Word, Prayer, Ordinances) and celebrate the four participles (Edifying, Singing, Giving, Submitting).