## **EPHESIANS: A Study by Bill Jones**

Rising up alive through Christ, Walking daily as one in Christ, Standing firm with the power of Christ. Ephesians Chapter 5

I. Be imitators of God

- A. As a child imitates his father (Ephesians 5:1, Isaiah 14:14, Matthew 5:48)
- B. Love as Christ loves--sacrificially (Ephesians 5:2)
- C. Live as God's holy people (Ephesians 5:3)
  - 1. No hint of sexual immorality
  - 2. No impurity
  - 3. No greed
- D. Live with thankful hearts (Ephesians 5:4)
  - 1. Without obscenity
  - 2. Without foolish talk
  - 3. Without course joking
- **E. Do not partner with the disobedient** (Ephesians 5:7)
  - 1. The immoral, impure, and greedy are idolaters with no entrance into the Kingdom of God (Ephesians 5:5)
  - 2. God's wrath comes down on the disobedient (Ephesians 5:6)
- II. Live as Children of light (Ephesians 5:8)
  - A. Bear fruit (Ephesians 5:9)
    - 1. Glisten with goodness
    - 2. Radiate righteousness
    - 3. Twinkle in truth
  - **B. Please God** (Ephesians 5:10)
  - C. Let your light of Christ expose the fruitless deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11)
  - **D.** Don't even mention the deeds of the disobedience or give them any credibility (Ephesians 5:12)
  - E. Expose and expel the darkness with the light of Christ to make all things visible for what they really are, whether good or evil (Ephesians 5:13-14)

- III. Submit to the will of God and live wisely
  - A. Be careful to be wise and not unwise (Ephesians 5:15)
  - **B.** Make the most of every opportunity to share Christ because the days are evil and time is short (Ephesians 5:16)
  - C. Don't be foolish but wisely discern the will of God (Ephesians 5:17)
    - **1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:22-23)
    - **2. Don't be filled with alcoholic "spirits" which is debauchery** (Ephesians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 12:13)
    - **3. Speak to one another in corporate worship with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19) (Sounds like a blended service!)
    - 4. Sing and make music in your heart to God (Ephesians 5:19)
    - 5. Give thanks, praise, glory, and honor to God for everything in the name of Jesus (Ephesians 5:20)
- **IV. Wives and Husbands** 
  - A. We all must submit to each other out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21)
  - **B. Wives must submit to and respect their husbands as they would to Christ** (Ephesians 5:22-24, 33)
  - **C. Husbands must love their wives exactly as Christ loved the church** (Ephesians 5:25, John 15:9-13)
    - 1. Husbands must give themselves up for their wives (Ephesians 5:25, 33)
    - 2. Husbands must work to present their wives as radiant, holy, without blemish through God's word (Ephesians 5:26-27)
    - **3. Husbands must love their wives as they love themselves** (Ephesians 5:28,33, Galatians 5:14)
    - 4. Husbands must nourish and care for their wives (Ephesians 5:29-30)
    - 5. Husbands must be united with their wives (Ephesians 5:31-32)