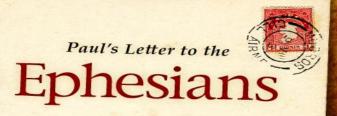
## Paul's Letter to the Figure 5

#### Value of Ephesians

Presents the purpose and plan of God for the Church

- Relation between positional truth and experiencing it in one's life – Position and Practice
- Supremacy of Christ in God's eternal plan
- Emphasizes God's sovereign grace in the lives of believers

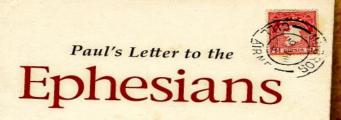


#### **EPHESIANS**

	Our Position in Christ	Our Practice on Earth	
	Section 1: What God has done for us (1) Emphasis: sovereignty	Section 1: Our new unity (4:1–16)	
	Section 2: What Christ has done in us (2:1–10) Emphasis: grace	Section 2: Our new walk (4:17–6:9)	
Introduction	Section 3: What Christ has done between us (2:11–3:21) Emphasis: reconciliation	Section 2: Our new walk (4:17–6:9) Section 3: Our new strength (6:10–20)	
	CHAPTERS 1–3	CHAPTERS 4–6	
Emphasis	Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God	Practical: horizontal relationship with others	
Core Phrase	"He chose us in Him." (1:4)	"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling." (4:1)	
Subjects	Declarations of heavenly truths (God's accomplishments)	Exhortations for earthly living (Christians' assignments)	
Prayers	Paul's prayer for Ephesians (1:15-23)Paul's prayer for the whole church (3:14-21)Christians' prayers for one another (6:18-20)		
Theme	The holy community God is creating and how it is to live out its calling		
Key Verses	1:9–10; 4:1–3		
Christ in Ephesians	Jesus is the source of spiritual blessing, the Cornerstone of the church, and the goal of spiritual maturity (1:3; 2:20; 4:11–16).		



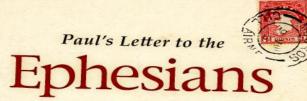
- What it means to be in Christ
- What it means to be one with Christ
- What it means to be a part of the body of Christ, the church of which He is the head
- What it means to be master-planned into the body before the world began



#### **OVERVIEW OF EPHESIANS**

FOCUS	CALLING OF THE BODY	CONDUCT OF THE BODY	
REFERENCE	1 3	4 6	
	Spiritual Wealth	Spiritual Walk	
	Being: Who We Are	Doing: How We Are to Act	
TOPICS	Positional Truth: Belief	Practical Truth: Behavior	
	Doctrine: No Commands	Exhortation: 35 Commands	
	Privileges of the Believer	Responsibilities of the Believer	
LOCATION	Sent from Rome to Ephesus		
TIME	A.D. 60-61		

Key Principle: Who we are in Christ should be the basis for what we do; our high and holy calling and position in the heavenly realms is the foundation and source of power for our holy conduct and practice.



#### **EPHESIANS 1-3**

#### **EPHESIANS 4-6**

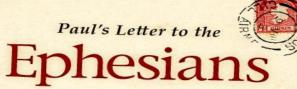
The Believer's Wealth Our position Being (Who We Are) Identification with Christ Our Calling Being Life in the Heavenly Places

We Are Spiritual Beings Divine Sovereignty The Foundation Doctrine The Believer's Walk Our Practice Doing (How We Live) Imitation of Christ Our Conduct Becoming Life in this Present Age We Are Embodied Beings Human Responsibility The Superstructure

To sum up, we are called to progressively become in our practice who we already are in our position.

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Discipline



#### KNOWLEDGE facts information memory scholars

#### UNDERSTANDING

meaning

principles

reason

teachers

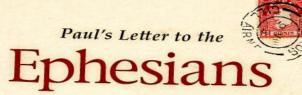
#### WISDOM

what to do next

application

action

prophets



#### Ephesians 5:15-21 (KJV)

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;



Ephesians 5:15-21 (KJV) cont.

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

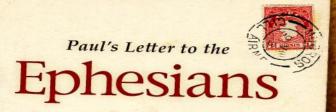
21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

#### **Process for Spirit-Filled Living**

Salvation: Christ gave His life for us

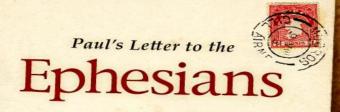
#### Sanctification: Christ gives His life to us

#### Service: Christ lives His life through us – as us



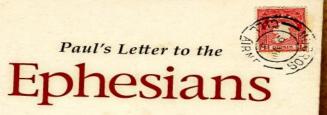
#### What Does the Worthy Walk Involve?

- Walk in Humility Ephesians 4:1-3
- Walk in Unity Ephesians 4:4-16
- A Different Walk Ephesians 4:17-32
- Ephesians 5:
  - Love Walk
  - Light Walk
  - Wisdom Walk
  - Spirit Walk



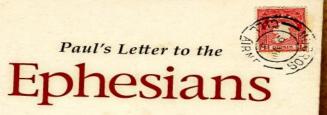
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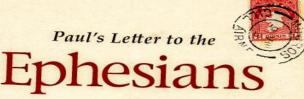
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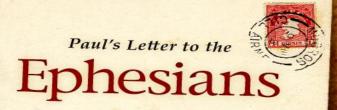
#### Portrait of a Fool

- Definition of a fool: Psalm 14:1
- Characteristics of a fool:
  - He lives a life which by its function denies God –
     Psalm14:1; I Corinthians 2:14
  - Because he denies the true God, he inevitably becomes his own god – Proverbs 12:15
  - He will mock sin Proverbs 14:9
  - He has a dramatic effect on others Proverbs 15:2
  - He instructs others in the same foolishness –
     Proverbs 16:22
- Summary Proverbs 1:7



## 7 Characteristics of the Wise

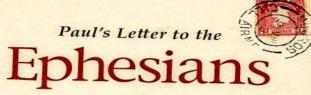
- Humility
- Loyalty
- Teachability
- Righteousness
- Godly Speech
- Forgiveness
- Thoughtfulness



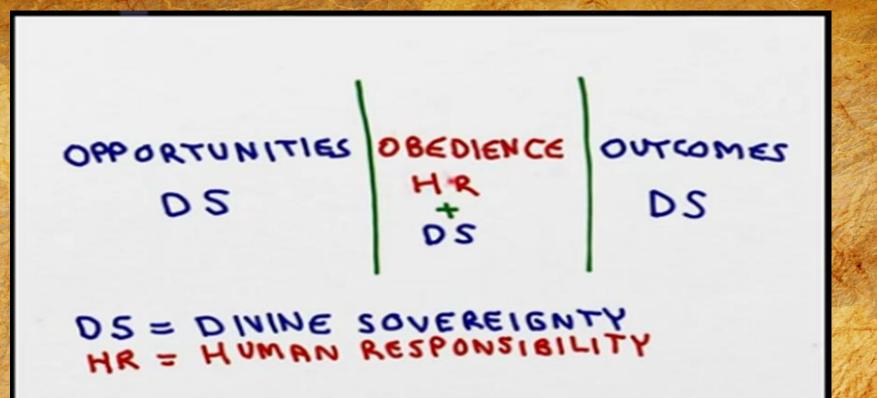
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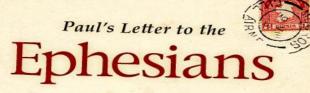
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#### **Spiritual Life**



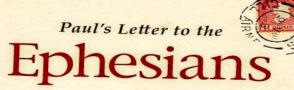


#### The Spiritual Life Loving Others Compassionately

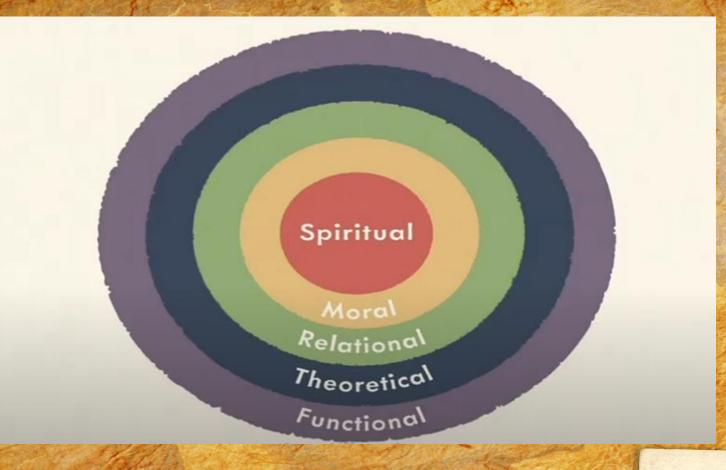
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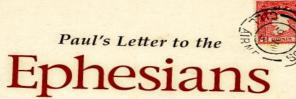
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Loving God Completely

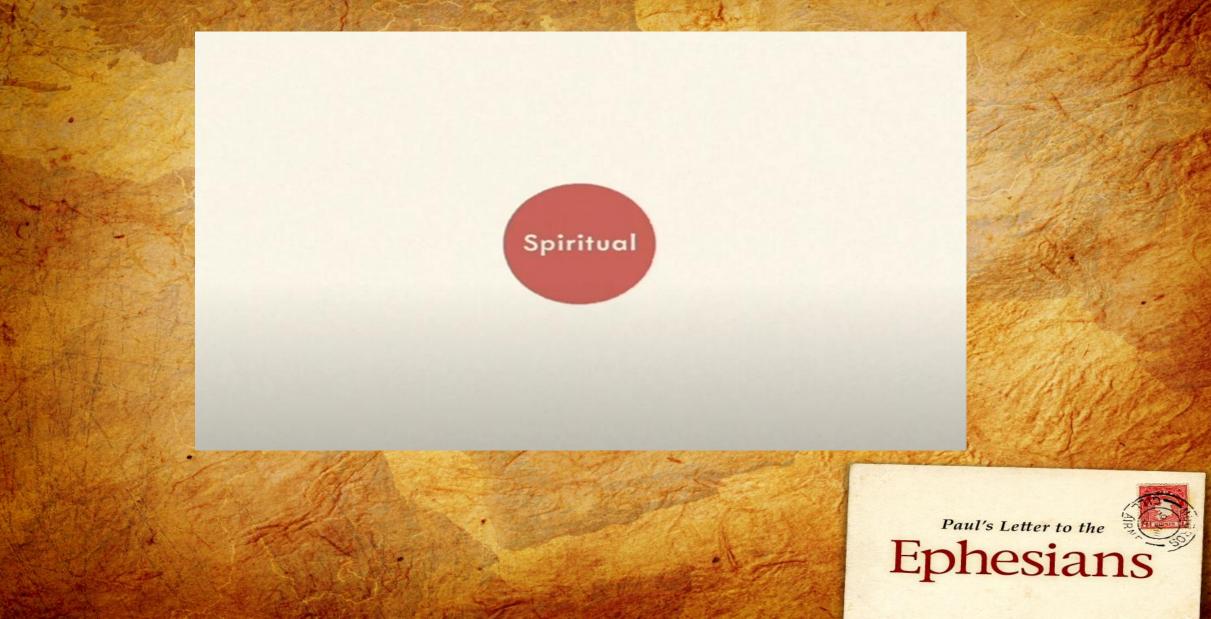


#### **Spiritual Life: Spheres of Excellence**





## **LOVING WELL: Spiritual Excellence**



### **LOVING WELL: Moral Excellence**

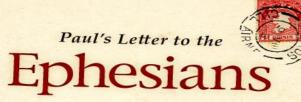




### **LOVING WELL: Relational Excellence**

#### Spiritual

#### Moral Relational

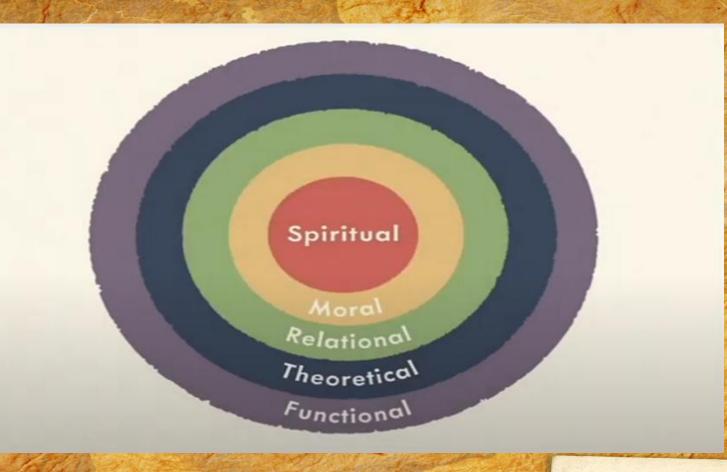


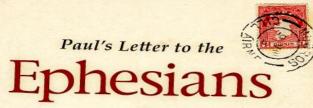
## **LEARNING WELL: Theoretical Excellence**





## LIVING WELL: Functional Excellence





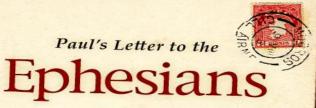
#### **True Spiritual Life**

#### Where it is not found

Where it is found

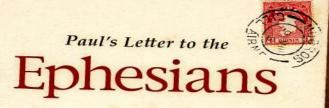
Significance - Possessions

Satisfaction - Position/ Performance Security - Father Significance - Son Satisfaction - Spirit



### The Priority of God's Will

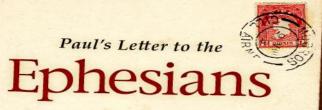
## We Owe It to God We Owe It to Ourselves We Owe It to Others



#### Two Analogies Regarding the Priority of God's Will

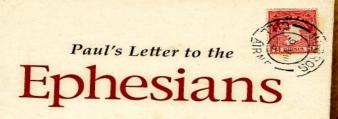
#### Stewards

- We own nothing
- Manage the possession of another
- Ambassadors
  - Represent the affairs of another
  - The interests of their king/ruler/nation



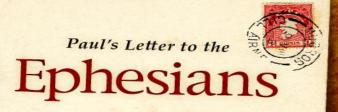
#### The Practice of God's Will

- God's Will A process rather than a program
- Who vs How The Bible is not so much a how-todo-it manual as it is a guidebook on "Who" to know.
- Who we are takes priority over what we do Being vs Doing
- A Human/Divine Synergy



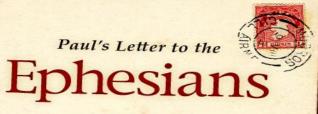
#### **Five Prerequisites for Guidance**

- 1. Conversion
- 2. Commitment
- 3. Confession
- 4. Concern
- 5. Compliance



#### Seven Principles for God's Guidance:

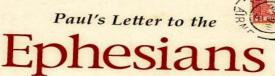
- 1. Communication
- 2. Conscience
- 3. Common Sense
- 4. Circumstances
- 5. Counsel
- 6. Compulsion
- 7. Contentment & Confirmation



#### **Poor Conceptions of God's Will:**

1. I must pray about each decision I make.

- 2. God's will is often contrary to human reason.
- 3. To submit to God's will, I must give up my happiness.
- 4. If I follow God's will, my problems will be over.
- 5. If I stray too far from God's will, he won't be able to use me again.
- 6. If I commit my life to God, he will want me to go to seminary.
  7. I must have special confirmation before making important decisions.
- 8. God wants me to respond to every need.

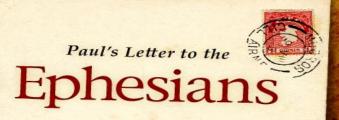


## **Context of Ephesians 5:18**

• Ephesians 5:18 is part of Paul's exhortation to 'walk as children of light' (Eph. 5:8).

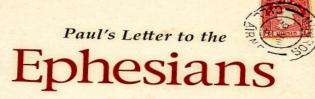
• Contrasts the effects of worldly living with Spirit-filled living.

• Sets the foundation for holy relationships in marriage, family, and community.



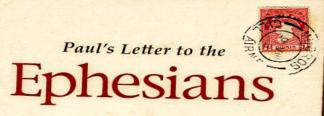
## **Key Exegetical Points**

- 1. 'Do not get drunk with wine':
- Represents a loss of control and leads to debauchery (reckless living).
- Reflects biblical warnings against intoxication.
- 2. 'Be filled with the Spirit':
- Imperative: A command, not a suggestion.
- Present tense: Ongoing action.
- Passive voice: Done by God, requiring submission.



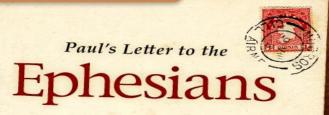
## **Theological Implications**

- Contrast of influence:
- Drunkenness leads to reckless, sinful behavior.
- Spirit-filling leads to clarity, wisdom, and self-discipline.
- Evidence of Spirit-filling (Eph. 5:19-21):
- 1. Joyful worship: Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
- 2. Gratitude: Giving thanks in all things.
- 3. Mutual submission: Serving others in humility and love.



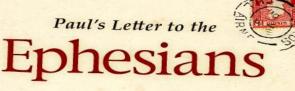
### **Practical Applications**

- 1. Steps to Be Filled with the Spirit:
- Surrender control to God daily.
- Confess and forsake sin.
- Depend on Scripture and prayer.
- 2. Barriers to Spirit-filling:
- Worldly distractions.
- Self-reliance and unconfessed sin.



## **Progressive Outcomes of Spirit-Filling**

- Progressive sanctification:
- Growing conformity to Christ (2 Cor. 3:18).
- Produces the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
- Effective witness:
- Boldness to share the gospel (Acts 1:8).
- Living as salt and light in the world (Matt. 5:13-16).



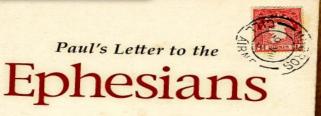
### Ephesians 5:18 – Take Away

• Ephesians 5:18 calls us to reject worldly intoxication and live Spirit-filled lives.

• Spirit-filling is essential for holiness, bold witness, and daily obedience.

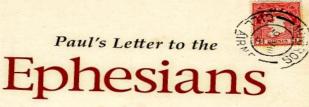
• Practical steps: Surrender, confess, depend on Scripture, and pray daily.

• Key takeaway: The Spirit-filled life glorifies Christ and empowers us to serve Him.



#### **Principles from Ephesians 5:15-21**

- Spirituality requires alertness to dangers and opportunities.(5:15)
- God wants us to make the most of the time that He gives us.(5:16)
- Christians apply God's will to their experience as the standard of understanding and rule of conduct.(5:17)
- There is a limited comparison between being under the control of a substance and under the control of the Spirit.(5:18)



#### **Principles from Ephesians 5:15-21**

- God puts Spirit-filled believers under a higher instrumentality for His working.(5:18b)
- Worship is a manifestation of being filled with the Spirit.(5:19)
- The believer is to minister to the Lord with the heart.(5:19b)
- Gratitude is recognition of what God has done for us in Christ without our merit. (5:20)
- The motive for giving deference to other Christians is our Lord. (5:21)

