

# Heaven's Riches – Ephesians

Week Six – Chapter 5:1-21

## **Ephesians 5:1-14** – Live FROM Love – Live in Light

Can we live up to the high standard Father God has called us to?

- What does Paul tell the Believers to do (1-2)?
  
- Paul exhorts Believers to walk in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- What practices are Believers to abstain from (3-4)?
  - Is there anything here that sounds a warning to you?
  - What kinds of thoughts or actions should you be on your guard against?
  - What is an immediate \_\_\_\_\_ for improper behavior in your life (3-4)?
  
  - Paul exhorts Believers to \_\_\_\_\_ (3-4).
  
- Why do you think Paul called an immoral, impure, or greedy person an idolater (5)? How are these sins idolatrous?

**Immorality** (3). The Greek word *porneia* (from which we get pornography) which means fornication or any sexual sin.

- Why can't immoral, impure or greedy people access the Kingdom of God (5)?
  
- Notice the very strong warning or command Paul gives in verse 7.
- What is the reason for this command (8)?
  
  
- What is our mission according to verse 8-10?

**Find out** (10 NIV). By experience, putting to the test, discerning by learning to make right \_\_\_\_\_.

- How should we respond when we become aware of sin in our lives? What is our natural response? Paul wrote this letter to Believers. Why do Believers want to continue walking in the darkness?
  
- Paul commands Believers not to become involved with the deeds, fruit, works of unbelievers (11-13). What are we to do instead?
  
  
- What is the reason and explanation for this command (12-13)?
  - Believers –

- Unbelievers –
- Paul exhorts Believers to walk by Revelation \_\_\_\_\_! Those who profess Christ are to walk in light by not being partners with unbelievers.
- The Believers Solution to Sin -

**Ephesians 5:15-21** – Live in the Fullness of the Spirit

- Paul exhorts Believers to walk in \_\_\_\_\_ (15-17).

**Foolish** (15). Mindless, stupid, without wisdom, without thought of the consequence of a thought or action; not walking or living in your \_\_\_\_\_ as a Son or Daughter.

- How does he characterize wise Believers (15-17)?
- This is a perfect transition to Paul’s next command – Believers are to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit (18).
- What are four beneficial \_\_\_\_\_ of being \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit (19-21)?
  - Communication with the \_\_\_\_\_ (19)
  - Communication with \_\_\_\_\_ (19)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Father God for all things (20)
  - Showing tender \_\_\_\_\_, mutual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to each other (21)

**Going Deeper This Week:** Spend some extended time with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit reviewing what you learned this week in Ephesians 5:1-21. Ask Him to speak to you and record in your journal what you sense Him showing, saying, and highlighting to your heart. Dialogue with Him through these questions as well:

- What are the areas of your life that you would rather keep hidden from the Light of the Spirit? Ask Father God for the courage to open this area to the counsel and guidance of His Holy Spirit. In the context of putting off the old man, renewing your mind with truth of your identity, and putting on or sinking into your new nature in Christ, what victory is already yours? What will you do in order to make that a reality over this area of your life?
- How often do you turn to Holy Spirit to be filled yet again? His invitation is 24/7... what are you waiting for?
- What would it mean for your life to life FROM Father God’s extravagant love for you?
- Take a few minutes each day this week to close your eyes, sit back and fellowship with Him in your heart. Thank Father God for how He sees you because of Jesus. Thank Him for the truth of how you need to see yourself and make any adjustments to renew your mind to His truth. Let Him speak into your heart the words of love and encouragement you need to hear each day. Allow Him to shower you in His delight!