

Ephesians Class Notes March 18, 2012

Chapter 5: 1-20

Key Verses 2 & 17

In chapter five Paul continues his instructions to the Christians in Ephesus and to us on how we should live and act now that we are members of the Body of Christ. Paul began this theme in verse seventeen of chapter four. He continues through verse twenty of chapter five. Paul is making it very clear that Jesus expects us to live, act, and worship in a way pleasing to Him, now that we belong to Him.

Vs. 1-2

Verse one tells us we should strive to copy the example Jesus gave us while He was on the earth in human form. In verse two Paul tells us Jesus gave Himself for us. He was an offering to the Father for our sins. Because of Jesus we should live a life of love toward God and our brothers and sisters. II Cor. 2: 14-16.

Vs. 3-4

Paul wrote nine letters to seven congregations of the Lord's Church. In eight of these letters to six of these congregations he gave clear instructions on how to live and act. Here in verses three and four, Paul covers again some of the warnings for God's people. Gal. 5: 19-24

Vs. 5-7

In verses five through seven Paul tells us what will happen to those who do not live according to the will of God. Gal. 5: 7-9

Vs. 8-14

We are told in verses eight through fourteen, before we were in Jesus we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, which is Jesus. As such we should live as children of light and find out what pleases Jesus. We are told not to share in the

deeds of darkness, but we should expose them. Paul says it is shameful what the disobedient do in secret. The Apostle John tells us in Jh. Chapter one, that Jesus is the Word of God. Paul tells us in verses thirteen and fourteen when Jesus, the Word of God, shines on the darkness everything is exposed. The light makes all things clear. Romans 12: 10-14

Vs, 15-17

We need to be very careful how we live and act. We need to be wise, making the most of every opportunity to share the good news about Jesus and His church. We don't know how much time we have to serve our Lord. Verse seventeen warns us not to be foolish, but understand what our Lord's will is for us. We are told how to know His will in Romans 12: 1-2

Vs. 18-20

In verse eighteen we are told not to get drunk. Why does Paul warn us about getting drunk? It leads us into all manner of sinful things. Instead we should be filled with the spirit of God, which leads to eternal life. In nineteen we are told to speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. We are to sing and make music in our hearts to the Lord. Verse twenty says to always thank God the Father for everything in the name of Jesus or Lord. I Tim. Verses 2 & 8