

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 5:18

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TITLE:

“Living the Spirit Filled Life”

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

SUB-TITLE:

“The Growing Up” of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text

vv. 18

When in Chapter 3 Paul announced the Theme

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed (happy is God) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
(**why?**) who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
in Christ,

Far above our feelings,
way beyond our thoughts,

THERE IS OUR ETERNAL GOD

1 Corinthians 2:9

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him"--

Those Who Received Christ are in Fact Those Who are **In Christ**

TITLE

“Things that Make us Fall“

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

The Last Few Week;

“Being a Christian is Being Like Christ in this World“

1.) We Are to Imitate God’s Love

vv. 1

2.) We Are to Imitate Christ’s Life

vv. 2

As Christians - there are certain things that Jesus
would do... and would not do!

#1

The Christian is to “walk” in the light of God

I John 1:5-7

This is the message which we have heard from **Him** and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Our Friendship-fellowship as Christians is conditional upon our walking with God and in His Light

FORGIVNESS IS ASSURED (fellowship and growth)

The importance of walking in the light

- We will enjoy doctrinal understanding of the Bible
 - Be granted wisdom to follow Christ
 - Excited about prophetic awareness
 - You will have a desire to serve

- You find yourself battle-ready in spiritual matters

Our Future as Christians is most “Bright”

Revelation 21:23

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb of God is its light.

Revelation 22:5

There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.

“Things that Make us Fall, Things Associated with Darkness”

“Things that Make us Fall”

1.) The Fruit of the World that Makes You Slip vv. 3-4

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Verse 3a

1a.) Sexual Sin is to be Watched Out for vv. 3

But **fornication** -- let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

The act of intercourse
between two unmarried people

Verse 3b

1b.) Is to be Guarded Against vv. 3

all **uncleanness** -- let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

The act of anything and everything
that is sexual outside of marriage

“O.K. - But We’re Not Going all the Way...”

Verse 3c

1c.) Sin will Rob Us of Vision

v.v. 3

or **covetousness**, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Verse 4d

1d.) Sin will Ruin Our Witness

v.v. 4

neither **filthiness** -- let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Obscenity or sensual words

Verse 4e

1e.) Sin Will Dull Our Senses

v.v. 4

foolish talking -- let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Stupid or meaningless words

Verse 4f

1f.) Sin Will Callose Our Mind

v.v. 4

nor coarse jesting -- let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Vulgar words and vulgar reactions

Verse 4g

1g.) Anything that does not Exalt Christ

vv. 4

things which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks

It doesn't fit

"Things that Make us Fall"

2.) Avoid the Things that lead Us Away from Jesus

vv. 5-7

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Verse 5

2a.) A Heart that is Given Over to Sin

vv. 5

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Matthew 7:21 KJV

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of my father...

Verse 6

2b.) A Heart that Justifies It's Wrong

vv. 6

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Verse 7

2c.) Being Close with Those Who are Wounding Christ vv. 7

Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Do not “partnership” - “hang out” with them

“Things that Make us Fall”

3.) Walking and Talking in the Dark

vv. 8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

Verse 8a

3a.) Staying in the Light

vv. 8

For you were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

HAVE YOU NOTICED,
WE'RE DIFFERENT NOW

We are not like the world anymore

Keeping the Light On - All the Time

Verse 9b

3b.) The Things of Light Cause us to See

vv. 9

for (because) the fruit of the Spirit is in all
goodness, righteousness, and truth

Verse 12

3c.) Stop Approving those The Things of Darkness

vv. 12

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

Don't think for a moment that the world will embrace you for this

“Things that Make us Fall”

4.) We Need to Wake Up and Stay Awake vv. 13

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse 13a

4a.) The Light Invades the Darkness vv. 13

But all things that are **exposed** are made **manifest** by the light for whatever makes manifest is light.

Verse 14a

4b.) The Call to Life and Light Comes from Jesus vv. 14

Therefore He says:
"Awake, you who sleep, **arise** from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

5.) No Longer Walking as Fools vv. 15-17

See then that you walk **circumspectly**, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Verse 16

5a.) We are no Longer into Wasting Time and Efforts vv. 16

redeeming the time..... because the days are **evil**.

We are running out of time

“Things that Make us Fall“

Verse 17

5b.) Knowing God’s Will for Your Life

vv. 17

Therefore do not be **unwise**,
but understand what **the will** of the Lord is.

“Living the Spirit Filled Life“

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but be filled with the Spirit,

1.) What is a Spirit-Filled?

vv.18

a life that has become “God-Dependent” in all things

A Misunderstanding

Many teach that once a person receives Jesus Christ as lord he or she is filled with the holy spirit.

Proof Text:

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

But that has to do with salvation

The First Recorded Act of Salvation (born again)

John 20:19-22

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

2.) Evidence of a Spirit-Filled?

vv. 19-

A life under the control of God

Being led by the Spirit of God
doing what He has

3.) Are You Spirit-Filled?

vv.

Is your life under the control of God?

4.) How to be Spirit-Filled?

vv.

Luke 11:11-13

"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

And do not be drunk with wine

The danger
Coming under the influence of a different power
Imitations of spiritual activity

True, Lasting Ministry!

If anything, meaningful or valuable is going to flow from our lives as Christians it
must come from the work of the Holy Spirit

Who is He

He is an actual person

What is He

He is Spirit, He does not possess the limitation of natural creation or what is
known to us as our physical universe

How is He

I'm sure He's just Fine - thank you...

He exists because He is

You and I do not exist because we are
but in fact we exist because He is

Acts 17:28a

"for in Him we live and move and have our being..."

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,
(The evidence is sure) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life
(The Quickening) and man became a living being. (Or soul - the spiritual aspect of man)

Man is a Biological Machine

Man is an Emotional Platform

Man is a Spiritual Entity

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body
be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where is He

Why is He

What Significance Does He Have in our Lives

He is