



Heaven on Earth

Class #22

Ephesians 5:8b-20

Q: How serious are you about fighting for the Lord?

Q: How often do you ask yourself, “what would please Jesus”?

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“Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (ESV)

Q: Why do we need to discern what is pleasing to the Lord? (vs. 10)

Q: How are we supposed to expose the unfruitful works of darkness? (vs. 11) see 2Cor. 4:6

Q: What is Paul quoting in verse 14?

Q: In vs 15, Paul tells us to be wise because the days are evil. What does he mean?

Q: According to Paul, what’s wrong with being “filled with wine”? (vs. 18)

Q: What is being filled with the Spirit all about? (vs. 18)

Q: Why is singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord commanded? (vs. 19)

What About You?

Q: What motivates you to be obedient to the King?

- Are you trying to figure out how to please Jesus or are you satisfied with pleasing your church or some other Christians?

Q: Does the way you live reflect your change of allegiance and loyalty to Jesus?

- When has your allegiance and loyalty to Jesus exposed the unfruitful works of darkness?

Q: Would Paul describe your walk as wise or unwise?

- Are you making the best use of your time or wasting it?

Q: Are you allowing the Spirit to fill you and use you to address others in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs?

- Does your face and body language reflect the Holy Spirit when you sing?
- What is happening in your heart when you sing?

Q: Have you tried singing and counting your blessings to push back temptation and bad moods?