

Study Questions
Ephesians 11 Revisited
Sunday September 13th 2009

1). Eph 5:1 ¶ *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

a). Continuing to think about what each joint in the body supplies –

What does it look like for us to become imitators of God as dear children?

b). What does v2 tell us about walking in love?

c). What would this look like for us?

2). Look what the Lord says to Israel's religious leaders –

Joh 8:42 *Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.*

43 *"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to*

My word. 44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you

want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth,

because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own

resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

And to Peter - Mt 16:23 *But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan!*

You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the

things of men." 24 ¶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

a). What can we learn from these scriptures that would be helpful for us in understanding what we bring to the body?

3). And again - Ge 3:7 *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 ¶ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

a). What is the response of their newly acquired sin nature when faced with the reality of their sin?

b). Is this a common experience do you think?

c). What do you think would be the results of trying to hide from the Lord when we sin?

d). What kind of response are we making now when God asks, ‘Where are you?’

e). Is there any particular, repetitive sin that immediately sends us into flight mode? What does this look like?

f). Why do we need to bring our sin out of the darkness into the light and what can we learn from these scriptures that will become possible if we don't?

Jos 22:20 'Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.'"

Ga 5:7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Heb 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

4). In conjunction with all this, here is another question to consider –

Mt 16:13 ¶ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

- a). Who do we say He is when we are upset with someone?
- b). When we don't get our own way?
- c). When we are tired and frustrated?
- d). When someone pushes our buttons?

e). Do we ever think that our actions demonstrate to others who we think Jesus is? How could this be connected to speaking the truth to one another in love?

f). What is the key to giving the correct response in all situations?

5). Job 1:7 *And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

Ge 13:17 *"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."*

a). What do these two scriptures have in common? And what do they teach us about the purpose of walking?

b). What would be the connection between this and these 3 scriptures from Ephesians? - Eph 4:1 ¶ *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,*

Eph 5:15 *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,*

Eph 4:17 ¶ *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk,*

c). What ways of walking are described here?

d). What would the way we walk signify?

e). What connection can you make between this and - Ro 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

6). What does redeeming the time look like and is there any connection between doing so and our Romans 12 scripture?

a). What is a necessary part of any redemptive process?

b). What is the significance of the days being evil?

c). How should this affect the way we view the world around us?

7). Eph 5:17 *Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.* 18 *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,*

a). What is the first word of v17 and what does it tell us?

b). What connection is there between being wise and understanding what the will of the Lord is? What is the will of the Lord for us?

c). How would we understand being wise?

d). Do you notice anything about how v17 and 18 are constructed?

e). What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit and how is this connected to everything else we have looked at?

