

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

Read Ephesians chapter 5 [v1-10] , [1-21] , [5.22-6.4]

Koine Greek has four words translated 'love' in English.

Eros = sexual love between a man and a woman

Philia = brotherly love, such as between David and Jonathon

Storge = familial love; as a parent has for a child

Agape = Totally sacrificial love; God's love for us

Q. What type of love does Paul say we should walk in?

Read 1 Corinthians 13 4.8

Q. Are we capable of doing this?

By contrast we are presented with what to avoid: Fornication, uncleanness, covertousness, filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting and idolatry.

Q. How are we to interact with the world and manage to avoid these?

Q. V6 tells us "let no-one deceive you with empty words." What does this mean? What are some modern day examples of empty words?

("It's no big deal if we sleep together; it doesn't hurt anyone else.")

("Don't worry about the drinks. I'll put it on the expense account. Nobody bothers.")

Q. V9 says "The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness and truth. What does it mean by this? Cf Galatians 5.22,23

Q. How do we find out what is acceptable to the Lord (v10)?

Q. In v11 we are told to, "Expose the works of darkness". How should we do this? For whom are we doing it?

Q. In v16, we are told to, "Redeem the time because the days are evil". What does this mean and what is the relevance to today?

(Take every opportunity for evangelism?)

Q. In v19 & 20 we are told to, "Speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts, to the Lord, giving

thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ". Do we do this? How practical is this advice for us today?

Q. V 21 How good are we at, "Submitting to one another in the fear of God"? How practical is this advice today?

Q. In v22-25 directions are given for husbands and wives. If these were followed, would they make for happy marriages? Is this what we find modelled in the church?

Q. Paul compares submission in the family to the church Jesus. What can we learn from this?

Q. How are children supposed to behave [6.1-3]?

Q. What might cause them not to do this [6.4]?

Q. How should children be brought up [v4]? What does this mean?