

**Key Scripture:**

Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT

25...**Christ loved the church.** He gave up His life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to Himself **as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle** or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

### **Walk in love - not in a hot mess**

Ephesians 5:1-7 NKJV

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. 3 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. 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.  
 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

### **Walking with no Light**

✓ **Dark**

Ephesians 5:8 NLT

For once you were **full of darkness**

✓ **Dead**

Ephesians 5:14 NLT

"Awake, O sleeper, **rise up from the dead,** and Christ will give you light."

✓ **Days of Evil**

Ephesians 5:15-16 NASU

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because **the days are evil.**

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### **Walk This Way**

#### **1. Walk in the Light.**

✓ **Let the light shine on your heart.**

Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

✓ **Let the light shine on deeds of evil.**

Ephesians 5:11-14 NLT

11 **Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.** 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. 13 But their **evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them,** 14 for the light makes everything visible.

#### **2. Walk in Wisdom.**

Ephesians 5:15-17 NLT

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 **Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.** 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but **understand what the Lord wants you to do.**

✓ **The right use of your time.**

✓ **Understand God's will & purpose for your life.**

#### **3. Walk in Fullness.**

Ephesians 5:18-20 NLT

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled with the Holy Spirit,** 19 **singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.** 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 ✓ **Declare the goodness of God to one another.**  
 ✓ **Develop your personal praise to the Lord.**  
 ✓ **Determine to keep your life open to be filled constantly with H.S.**

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