

Ephesians 4-6:9 • The Christian Walk

1. (4:1-16) A biblical church equips the Body by the pursuit of **love** through the application of God's **Word**:
 - a. (v.12) "...the **equipping** of the saints for the work of service..."
 - b. (v.12) "...**building up** the body of Christ..."
 - c. (v.13) "...attain to the **unity** of faith..."
 - d. (v.13) "...attain...to a **mature** man...the stature which belongs to the fullness of **Christ**..."
 - e. (v.14) "...no longer...**tossed** here and there...by every **wind** of doctrine..."
 - f. (v.15) "...speaking the **truth** in **love**..."
 - g. (v.15) "...to **grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head..."
 - h. (v.16) "...**fitted** and **held** together...according to the proper **working** of each part..."
 - i. (v.16) "...growth...building up...in **love**."
2. (4:17-32) Christians are expected to be radically different from the unsaved...
 - a. (v.22-23) "...**lay aside** the old self..."
 - b. (v.24) "...put on the **new self**..."
 - c. (v.25-32) Lay aside behaviors specific to the **old** self in favor of the **new** self.
3. (5:1-5) Christians are expected to "**walk in love**" in the character of Christ on the **cross**, thinking of **others** and hating sin which should never be **named** among believers.
4. (5:6-14) The Christian walk is characterized as a partnership or lifestyle in the **Light**...
 - a. (2 Co. 6:14) "...not bound together with **unbelievers**..."
 - b. (2 Pe. 1:4) "...partakers of the **divine** nature..."
 - c. (Eph. 3:6) "...partakers of the **promise**..."
 - d. (1 Pe. 4:13) "...share the **sufferings** of Christ..."
 - e. (Heb. 12:10) "...share His **holiness**..."
 - f. (Heb. 3:1) "...partakers of a heavenly **calling**..."
 - g. (1 Pe. 5:1) "...partaker also of the **glory**..."
5. (5:15-17) A Christian walk does not waste time or resources apart from God's **will**.
6. (5:18-6:9) Harmony and unity in our personal **relationships** proves harmony and unity in our overall **walk**.
7. Overall Application
 - a. To walk in **unity**. (4:1-16)
 - b. To walk in **purity**. (4:17-32)
 - c. To walk in **love**. (5:1-5)
 - d. To walk in the **Light**. (5:6-14)
 - e. To walk **carefully**. (5:15-17)
 - f. To walk in **harmony**. (5:18-6:9)