



THE MATURE
CHRISTIAN

EPHESIANS 5:17-33

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17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:17-33 - continued

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Ephesians 5:17-33 - continued

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Ephesians 5:17-33 - continued

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Introduction

A. Maturity is a good word



B. A mature Christian has grown up in the faith

Ephesians 4:15

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

I. The Mature Christian's Wisdom (v 17)

A. "Wherefore be ye not unwise"

**B. The world is interested in accumulating knowledge
but what about truth?**

2 Timothy 3:7

**Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge
of the truth.**

I. The Mature Christian's Wisdom (v 17)

C. The mature Christian seeks wisdom

1. Wise ones know what to do with wisdom

Daniel 2:20

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

2. Mature Christians know the source of wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

I. The Mature Christian's Wisdom (v 17)

C. The mature Christian seeks wisdom – continued

3. Mature Christians know where to get more

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

I. The Mature Christian's Wisdom (v 17)

D. Mature Christians find the will of God and do it

- 1. "Understanding what the will of the Lord is"**
- 2. Have you found the will of God for your life?**
- 3. Do you seek the will of God each day?**
- 4. Is doing the will of God your delight?**

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. The Mature Christian's Worship (vv 18-20)

A. Worship should be private and public

B. The mature Christian's worship is spiritual

1. "Be filled with the spirit"

2. Not given to forms and ceremonies

3. Heart felt and Spirit-directed

2 Thessalonians 3:5

**And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God,
and into the patient waiting for Christ.**

II. The Mature Christian's Worship (vv 18-20)

C. The mature Christian's worship is scriptural

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms”

D. The mature Christian's worship involves singing

1. “Hymns, spiritual songs, singing”

2. Music is a powerful expression of worship

3. Music is a part of the worship of heaven

Revelation 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Revelation 15:3

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

II. The Mature Christian's Worship (vv 18-20)

E. The mature Christian's worship comes from a grateful heart

1. "Giving thanks always"

2. Thanking God for all things

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

III. The Mature Christian's Walk (vv 21-33)

A. The mature Christian has learned to submit (v 21)

1. "Submitting yourselves one to another"

2. Jesus is the example

Philippians 2:5-7

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ

Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

III. The Mature Christian's Walk (vv 21-33)

A. The mature Christian has learned to submit (v 21) - continued

3. Submission is the opposite of self-will

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

B. Submission even in the home (v 23)

C. The mature Christian walks in love (v 25)

D. The mature Christian represents Christ continually (vv 25-33)

How long has it been since you checked your growth?

