

## Walk with Purpose

Pastor Mark Wilks, EPHESIANS 5:7-20

<sup>7</sup> **Therefore** do not become **partners with them**; <sup>8</sup> for at one time **you were darkness**, but now **you are light in the Lord**. **Walk as children of light** <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup> **Look carefully then how you walk**, not as unwise but **as wise**, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore **do not be foolish**, but **understand what the will of the Lord is**. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> **giving thanks always and for everything** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:7-20 ESV

### Introduction

- Walk = What we believe determines how we behave (actions)!
- The idea of walk is a continual progress.
- Walk in love = means to live a life that is more concerned for God and others than self.

### 1. Walk in light.

- Light speaks of God's purity. 1 Timothy 6:16
- Light speaks of God's knowledge. 2 Timothy 3:7, Psalm 119:105

### 2. Walk in wisdom.

- Wisdom is the application of knowledge.
- Use your knowledge to make good steps.

### 3. Walk in the power of the spirit.

- Am I under the influence of the Holy Spirit?
- Why is giving thanks so important? At the heart of rebellion I'm saying, “God, you haven't done enough for me.”