"WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY" Ephesians 5:15-21

INTRODUCTION:

"<u>Walk</u>" refers to our way of living, behavior and conduct. Believers are to represent Christ at all times in their words, thoughts and actions. Our "walk" should always Glorify God.

• "¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:15-16).

This message will focus on three aspects of Walking Circumspectly:

- I. <u>THE COMMAND TO WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY</u> (vv. 15-16)
 - A. The Concept of Walking Circumspectly
 - **B.** The Importance of Walking Circumspectly (v. 10; Ps 119:15; 2 Tim 2:15; Ps 119:05)
 - C. We must pay close attention to what God has revealed in His Word because it is "A light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Pet 1:19).
 - **D.** Walking Circumspectly aligns with our Great Testimony and Great Confession (1 John 4:14-15)
 - **E. The Responsibility to Walk Circumspectly** (Rom 14:12)

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY (vv. 17-20)

- **A. The "Fool" or "Unwise" Person** (vv. 15, 17; Ps 14:1; Prov 14:9; 1 Cor 1:18)
- **B.** The Wise Person (vv. 14-17; James 1:5, 3:17; Rev 2:1-7)
- **C. Believers are Commanded to be Filled or Controlled by the Holy Spirit** (v. 18; 1 John 1:5-10; Rom 12:1-2)
- D. Pursue a Heart of Gratitude (vv. 19-20; 1 Thess 5:18;)

III. <u>THE BENEFITS OF WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY</u> (v. 21)

- A. Believers are to Submit "One to Another" because of Respect for Christ.
- **B.** Believers are to Submit "One to Another" in Humility "Lowliness of Mind" Not Thinking too Highly of Ourselves when Dealing with Others (Philippians 2:3).
- C. Submission is Being Willing to Give Ourselves up for Others or Regarding Others as More Important than Ourselves Letting Others Be First.

CONCLUSION:

- A. In this message we focused on three aspects of Walking Circumspectly: (1) The Command to Walk Circumspectly; (2) The Characteristics of Walking Circumspectly; and (3) The Benefits of Walking Circumspectly.
- **B.** Lord, Help us to Redeem the Time, You gave us Every day; To Take Each Opportunity, To Follow and Obey.

C. ABC's of Salvation

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).