

ALWAYS GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER FOR EVERYTHING

Ephesians 5:1-20

Key Verse: 5:20

“...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. Whose example should Christians follow (1a)? How does knowing God's love for us help us do this (1b-2; 4:32)? What should characterize our love for others?
2. What things must Christians refrain from (3a-4)? Why (3b,5)? What should mark our speech and how does this help us resist bad influences (4b)? What characterizes deceivers (6)? How should we guard against them (7)?
3. What contrast does Paul make in verses 8-14? How is this related to the past and present lives of believers? What imperatives guide us in living as children of light? Who enables us to live as children of light and how can we do so?
4. How does Paul contrast and describe wisdom and foolishness (15-17)? What should characterize the Christian's lifestyle? Why is it important to know the will of God and to discern the times in which we live?
5. While living in evil days, what should Christians not do and do (18)? What does it mean to “be filled with the Spirit,” and what does the Spirit enable us to do (19-20)?
6. In and through whom can we always give thanks to God the Father for everything? How can we give thanks to God while living in evil days? How can we encourage an environment of thanksgiving and praise in our community?