

The background of the entire slide is a photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely from the Roman or Greek era. The ruins consist of large, rectangular stone blocks and walls, some of which are partially collapsed or overgrown with green vegetation. In the center of the image, there is a dark, rectangular area that serves as a backdrop for the text. To the right of this central area, there is a glowing orange cross symbol. The overall tone of the image is historical and spiritual.

Understanding Who I Am

Ephesians

Becoming Who We Are

Walk in Wisdom

Ephesians: Walk in Wisdom



Called to respond to God's action for us

- walk in a manner worthy 4:1
- no longer walk as.... 4:17
- put off....put on..... 4:22-24
- 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
- Walk in Love
- Walk in Light

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“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” 5:15-20

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1. Take Care How You Walk

a) wise & foolish

- wisdom – knowledge rightly applied
- comes from God
- Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
- Proverbs 2:6 “For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;”

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- Psalm 111:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!”
- includes understanding & action
 - Col. 1:9-10 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

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- foolish – knowing and not doing
 - Rom. 1:21 “²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”
 - Jer. 5:21 “Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not.”
 - Matt. 7:26 “And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”

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- walk in wisdom
- ask and receive – James 1:5
- hear and do – James 1:22-25

b) Time and Insight

- make the best use of time
- days are evil
- understand the will of the Lord
- see last week – discern what is pleasing
- love, learn, listen

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2. Respond to Our Days Properly

a) do not be drunk with wine

- self medicating in a difficult world
- allowing something 'other' to affect our perspective and actions

b) be filled with Holy Spirit

- active tense – 'keep being filled up'
- allowing God to affect our perspective
- fruit of spirit present in life of believer

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3. Respond With One Another

a) address one another

- 1 Cor. 14:15-16 “¹⁵ What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying”

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b) some directions about our praise

- from the heart
 - response to being filled with Spirit
- giving thanks for everything
 - to God
 - seeing what we face from His perspective
- content matters
 - psalms, hymns, spiritual songs – truth
 - varied forms are included

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- submitting to one another
- willing to be led and instructed
- preferences set aside

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So What?

1. As God's children called to...
 - Walk in Love
 - Walk in Light
 - Walk in Wisdom
 - are we intentionally walking?
2. Instructed to be filled with Holy Spirit
 - remove what prevents
 - invite the continued filling

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3. Respond with One Another

- be a willing participant – be led.....
- Psalm 42:5 “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation⁶ and my God.”
- listen to a ‘varied form’
- participate with praise