

# Ephesians In Christ Alone

#### Summary

## Chosen by God and having received grace and peace through Christ, we are to walk faithfully in Christ Jesus.

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, **NASB** 

**Ephesians 4:1** 

The calling refers to the Holy Spirit's prompting that caused them to believe. The author is thus urging his readers to live a life that conforms to their saved status before God. (NET Bible notes)

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#### Walk in Wisdom

## Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—**not as unwise but** as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-21

Each Christian has all the Spirit, but the command here is that the Spirit have all of him. The wise walk, then, is one that is characterized by the Holy Spirit's control.

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## Walk in godly wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Marriage Relationships

## Ephesians 5:21-33

#### Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:21-27

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## Godly wisdom leads us to love like Jesus and live a life of humility and submission.

#### Parenting Relationships

## Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## Godly wisdom gives you the ability to raise your children to be like Christ.

### Work Relationships

## Ephesians 6:5-9

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:5-9

# Godly wisdom allows you serve and show kindness like Jesus Christ.

## Through the power of the Holy Spirit and in obedience to Christ, we can walk in wisdom in every relationship for the sake of all God's people.

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