

# Notes

"WORSHIP WORDS & SUBMISISON"  
Ephesians 5:18-21  
May 6, 2018

## I. Walk Wise (15-17)

"Walk" is manner of life / behavior.

### A. Context

### B. Wise – skill for living

1. Making the best use of the time.
2. Understand what the will of the Lord is.  
It is more about being formed into the likeness of Christ than it is about personal guidance.

## II. Be Filled with the Spirit (18-21)

### A. A matter of control (18)

1. Interplay b/w God's work and human submission.  
God fills all things.  
We have a role in submitting to this control.  
(5:18)

### 2. **Spirit filled living shows up in community and worship. Spirit filled living shows up in our words and attitudes. (5:19-21)**

#### B. Community

1. Scripture saturated speech
2. Submitting to one another

#### C. Worship

1. Worshiping Jesus
2. Wholehearted worship
3. Thankfulness is constant and pervasive

How does this apply to me?

## NEXT WEEK

"COMFORT"  
2 Corinthians 1:1-4:6

### Historical Timeline:

About a year after Paul wrote 1Corinthians, he penned this second letter. He wrote from Macedonia. The year was 55/56 AD. At least one, and possibly two other letters, had been written to them by Paul (1Cor 5:9; 2Cor 2:3-4), although these were not included in the canon of scripture.

Paul had returned to Corinth and found the church in great turmoil. His visit was painful (2Cor 2:1) and so he writes to them now to defend his role as church planter and apostle, to beg those in rebellion to return to the pure gospel, and to urge them to find their comfort and hope in allegiance to Christ alone.

### Passage Overview:

Paul's love for the believers in Corinth is crystal clear from the first words of this letter. Knowing the turmoil that persisted in the church, he reminds them of the comfort that is to be found in Christ alone. Comfort isn't the same as ease. In fact, it is when they are oppressed for the sake of Christ that His comfort becomes vibrantly known.

Jesus is trustworthy. They can stake everything upon Him. The new covenant, which is in Christ, is life giving, transforming and enduring. It is written on human hearts, giving hope and life.

As new covenant believers in Jesus, we rely upon the Spirit to enable us to see, as He removes the blindness of our captivity to sin. We trust in the unchanging truth of God's Word. And we look to the light, which is in the face of Jesus, revealing God's glory and the good news of the gospel.

As we keep our eyes focused upon the glory of God in the face of Jesus, we find comfort for the daily trials we face.

**Reading for Next Week:** 2 Corinthians 1:1 – 4:6