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## “Walk This Way!”

— or —

### A New Walk for a New Community

“Paul is calling us to live in a way that is congruent with the alternative reality brought into being through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.”

—DARRELL W. JOHNSON, *Ephesians: The Wonder & Walk of Being Alive 'In Christ'* (2022)

#### Ephesians 5 (TNIV, & Gordon D. Fee's translation)

in GORDON D. FEE, *God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul* (1994), p. 719

#### <sup>18</sup> **BE CONTINUOUSLY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...**

• What will happen then is that all y'all will be... •

① <sup>19</sup> **SPEAKING** TO ONE ANOTHER with psalms, hymns & songs from the Spirit.

② **SINGING** and **MAKING MUSIC** from your heart TO THE LORD,

③ <sup>20</sup> always **GIVING THANKS** TO GOD THE FATHER for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

④ <sup>21</sup> **SUBMITTING** TO ONE ANOTHER out of reverence for Christ.

- Wives
- Husbands
- Children
- Parents
- Slaves
- Masters

The imperative is “be filled.” The manifestations or consequences or results of this follow. So submitting “is a result of ‘being filled.’ The participle the result of obeying the imperative.”

DARRELL W. JOHNSON, *Ephesians: The Wonder & Walk of Being Alive 'In Christ'*

#### **BE CONTINUOUSLY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

• and the result will be that all y'all will be... •

**SUBMITTING** to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

##### a. The Spirit transforms our relationship with God:

GALATIANS 4:6 (NIV)

Because you are his sons,  
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

##### b. The Spirit transforms our relationship with others.

EPHESIANS 5:18-33 (TNIV)

<sup>18</sup> ... **BE CONTINUOUSLY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...**

<sup>21</sup> **SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER out of reverence for Christ.**

#### 1. Paul, like Jesus, is encouraging us to live \_\_\_\_\_, not OVER, one another.

MARK 10:35-37 (TNIV)

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

“Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

MARK 10:41-45 (TNIV)

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became **indignant** with James & John.

<sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as **RULERS** of the Gentiles **LORD it OVER** them, and their high officials exercise authority **OVER** them.

<sup>43</sup> **Not so with you.**

Instead, whoever wants to become **great** among you must be your **SERVANT**,

<sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be **first** must be **SLAVE OF ALL**.

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man **did not come**

**to BE served,**  
but **TO serve,**  
and **to give his life...**”

## 2. Paul is encouraging us to live as \_\_\_\_\_, not **MASTERS**, for one another.

GALATIANS 5:13-14, 16 (TNIV)

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom to *indulge* the sinful nature; rather, **SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLY IN LOVE.**

<sup>14</sup> ● For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this **ONE** command: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** ... <sup>16</sup> *So I say, live by the Spirit*, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

ROMANS 15:1-3 (TNIV)

<sup>1</sup> We who are **strong** ought to *bear with* the failings of the **weak** and **not to please ourselves.**

<sup>2</sup> *We should all please our* **NEIGHBORS for THEIR good, to build THEM up.**

<sup>3</sup> **For even Christ did not please himself...**

PHILIPPIANS 2:21 (TNIV)

For everyone looks out for their **OWN** interests, *not those of Jesus Christ.*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:24 (TNIV)

No one should seek their **OWN** good, but the good of **OTHERS.**

## 3. Paul is encouraging us to \_\_\_\_\_, not **USE, ABUSE, or MISUSE**, one another.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 (TNIV)

**LOVE** is not **self-seeking...**

(NLTse) **LOVE** does not demand its **OWN** way.

ROMANS 12:10 (TNIV)

Be devoted to **ONE ANOTHER** in **LOVE.**  
**Honor ONE ANOTHER** above yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4 (JB Phillips)

Live together in harmony, live together in **LOVE**, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but *in humility think more of EACH OTHER than you do of yourselves.* None of you should think only of his **OWN** affairs, but should learn to see things **from OTHER PEOPLE’S point of view.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of *selfish* ambition or vain conceit. Rather, *in humility value OTHERS above yourselves,* <sup>4</sup> not looking to your **OWN** interests but each of you to the interests of the **OTHERS.**

(NCV)

When you do things, do not let **selfishness** or **pride** be your guide. Instead, *be humble & give more honor to OTHERS than to yourselves.*

(NET)

*... each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat ONE ANOTHER as more important than yourself.*

(ESV)

*... in humility count OTHERS more significant than yourselves.*

(MSG)

**Put yourself aside,** & help **OTHERS** get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your **OWN** advantage. Forget **yourselves** long enough to lend a helping hand.

EPHESIANS 5:18-33 (TNIV)

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“Wives: your husbands are the appointed agent authorized to receive the love you want to pour on Jesus.

Husbands: your wives are the appointed agent authorized to receive the love you want to pour on Jesus.

Children: your parents are the appointed agent authorized to receive the love you want to pour on Jesus.

Parents: your children are the appointed agent authorized to receive the love you want to pour on Jesus.

Employees: your bosses are the appointed agent authorized to receive the love you want to pour on Jesus.

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