

Review:

Careful of how you live! Make the most of EVERY opportunity! End is closer than we realize!

McGee: There is a saying that you never ask a Texan if he is a Texan. If he is a Texan, he'll let you know without your asking. If he isn't a Texan, you wouldn't want to embarrass him! Christians ought to walk in such a way that you know he is a child of God without asking him. We all need to look carefully how we walk.

Verse 17:

Foolish GK: “without reason, senseless, stupid, without reflection or intelligence, acting rashly”

PIM: ‘Stop being foolish’ “forbidding an action already going on” **Psalm 14:1** “Fool says in his heart no God”

2 Peter 3:1-7

V1: reminders to stimulate/stir up GK: To wake up fully, arouse, agitate the sea, (Louw) a marker of a causative relation, with the implication of a significant change in state

wholesome/sincere GK: pure, unmixed

V2: recall/remember words (predictions AMP) Scripture! Both Apostles and OT Prophets! Remember Alamo!

V3: Scoffer/mocker ENG: " mocks, ridicules, or scorns the belief of another." "to speak derisively; jeer"

- Scoffer in Hebrew carries the idea of being an “Ambassador” Ambassador of who???
- Not only will people mock your belief, they will be trying to persuade to “give up” your faith!
- Proverbs 29 for further reading on scoffers.

Lusts: GK: strongly desire to have what belongs to someone else and/or to engage in an activity which is morally wrong. **I Peter 2:11-12** Rem how DESIRES “wage war” against our souls?

VV 4 – 9 quickly overview. Main Goal... repentance! God could have allowed the tribulation to start before the end of the first century. He is merciful though!

VV 10 “come like a thief” Elaborate. For Further homework Reading: Rev 21:1 – 5

- **Roar/noise GK:** “suddenly or quickly with a roar or a lot of noise.” ‘SHRILL - high pitched and sharp’
- **Destroyed by fire/intense heat/melt GK:** Future Passive
- “Laid Bare/Burned up” **GK:** Future Middle voice (NOTE contrast between Passive and Middle) When those 100 pound hailstones etc.. and ask why... Middle voice shares the truth!

V11 →Ought GK: PIN,

Be GK: Present Infinitive Active Ongoing lifestyle Reread Eph 5:16 “make most of every opportunity”

Holy GK: refers to human interactions **Godly GK:** refers to interactions with God.

V12 Looking for/ward GK: to expect, look for, wait for” implies “a mental direction”

Speed/Hasten GK: to cause to happen soon, to desire earnestly **Matt 24:14**

Ephesians 5 -- Verse 17

Understand GK: “employ one’s capacity for understanding & thus arrive at an insight” Reflective thinking Does the “Lord’s will” just pop into our heads or do we have to ponder his will for every aspect of our lives? Lord’s will: What is the Lord’s will?

Steelers analogy: daily read websites to understand what’s going on with players, direction of the team, etc How much time and effort do we put into understanding the Lord’s will?

TWO WILLS:

- His will for our **PERSONAL LIVES**
 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart... mind... strength... and soul! **Steelers** analogy.
 - **Col 1:9** filled with knowledge of His will in all ... wisdom and understanding..
 - **Step by Step Process** He often times only gives us part of his will.
 - ✓ Philip & Ethiopian Acts 8:26.
 - ✓ Only told to head south instead of to Phil’s home. Eunuch was sitting reading Isaiah!
- His will for the **WORLD.**
 - **1 Tim 2:4** repentance!
 - World to experience the reign of Christ.

REMEMBER Chapter 5 V10: Find out what pleases the Lord.

I Sam 3:21 The Lord revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

Verse 18:

Drunk GK: PIMMiddle living an abandoned, debauched, profligate life. A life of darkness.

Does this passage say “do not drink wine”? **Lit:** “soaked with wine”

Debauchery ENG: excessive/extreme indulgence in sensual pleasures Profligacy indifferent to moral restraints; given to immoral or improper conduct; licentious; dissipated. **GK:** behavior which shows lack of concern or thought for the consequences of an action. **From:** to save and “a” ‘negation’ IE: Just don’t care!

Drunkenness was a problem then as it is now. But does this verse only speak specifically to “drunkenness”? This verse goes beyond drinking to **any behavior** that so **totally controls** one’s life they are in **debauchery**. Gambling! Auctions! Physical Pleasures! Drugs! Gardening!

The better choice!

Filled GK: PIM “to fill up, to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally, to flood, to diffuse throughout.”

Acts 6:15 Stephen filled with faith and Spirit. Steve was controlled by the Spirit constantly.

Some religions cite this passage for having a “second blessing” of the Spirit. Remember **Eph 1:13-14**

This is about the Spirit not being a passenger, but being “**in control**” of your life. **Gal 5:16** Live by the Spirit!

Verse 19

(Can include both Self and Others)

Speak GK: To speak or talk! Carries the idea of “informal or casual” conversation. Daily chit chat!

Psalms: religious songs to music. Bible Psalms too

Hymns praise

Spiritual songs applicable to all songs secular or sacred

How do you talk or speak songs? Don’t we sing them? Are we supposed to RAP Christian songs to each other?

- ✓ Our words should be like beautiful music to the ears of those around us!
- ✓ Heb 10:25 church talk after the service!
- ✓ But we need to go outside the walls of the church!
- ✓ **Wuest:** letting other saints know of one’s personal joy in salvation

Sing and make music in your heart to God. What does that look like?

Can my heart play an instrument? I can’t even sing as my singing isn’t even a joyful noise! Dogs howl!!

How can I make music when I’m not musically inclined? WLEB, Word, KLove, WJTL, etc

Love the Lord your God with **all** your **heart**, **all** your **soul**, and **all** your **mind**

Matt 22:37, Luke 10:27, MK 12:30-31 DT 6:5

Cats purring. They are making music to the person in their purring. How much do you purr around the Lord?

There is **POWER** in the name of Jesus, power in his name song.

Two Wills Again
• Toward God
• Toward Man

Verse 20

Always giving thanks! Thankful for what? Everything!! Family, Friends, Job, Residence, car, etc!

Why do I include people around us?

Reflect back on V19 Speak to one another and yourselves in

We should Thank God for all the good things that happen in other’s lives around us!

We should Thank God for all that happens to us even though we may not view some events positively!

Paul Examples of Thankfulness in just the openings in Epistles!

Romans 1:8 faith is growing

I Cor 1:3 grace given you in Christ

Phil 1:3 every time I remember you

Col 1:3 always thank God when we pray for you

1 Thes 1:3-4 work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, & endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus.

2 Thes 1:3 faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing

1 Tim 1:12 Our Lord, given me strength, considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service

2 Tim 1:3-4 night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.. long to see you.

Philemon 1:4-5 remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.

How often do we thank God for all the little things in our lives? How about the BIG things too?

Compare time spent praying for something vs the amount of thankfulness shown to God.

Shows level of being led and controlled by the Spirit vs self-desires!!

In the name of Jesus. That is the way we are to pray. Jesus said to ask in my name. **John 16:23**

When we thank in Jesus' name, we are GLORIFYING Jesus!! John 14:13-14

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus... giving thanks through Jesus...

Verse 21:

Submit GK: hypo tasso Under and Order Present Passive Middle Voice participle (ing)

Passive: subject is receiving the action. Who is doing the action to us? “**reverence for the Lord**” Middle means we are doing an action that impacts us. As we respond to the Lord's leading, that impacts our lives personally to submit to other believers.

GK: Elaborated ‘to submit to orders or directives of someone—‘to obey, to submit to, obedience, submission’

Military term: Tasso: To draw up in order of battle, to form, array, or marshal both troops and ships

Hupo: ‘under’

All the troops organize themselves and their supplies under the direction of the general to be successful in the task at hand. A “pooling resources under” to win a battle.

Can a battle be won if every soldier carries out their own plan?

How does this impact our daily lives?

We are to work with each other to help people in their daily battles in life.

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Emotional

In **reverence GK:** profound respect and awe of deity

Wuest: *Subjecting one's self to another is the opposite of self-assertion, the opposite of an independent, autocratic spirit. It is the desire to get along with one another, being satisfied with less than one's due, a sweet reasonableness of attitude.*

Next time we start looking at how these relationships work within a marriage! There are two key aspects not many preachers teach in church or a Sunday School class.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THESE TWO KEYS !!!

Ephesians 5:17 – 21

Applications to Us:

- 1. Are you speeding the coming of the Lord or delaying His arrival?**
 - a. What could you do in your life to speed His coming?
 - b. ?

2. What type of song are you speaking in your life?
 - a. To God?
 - b. To family, friends, work colleagues, neighbors?