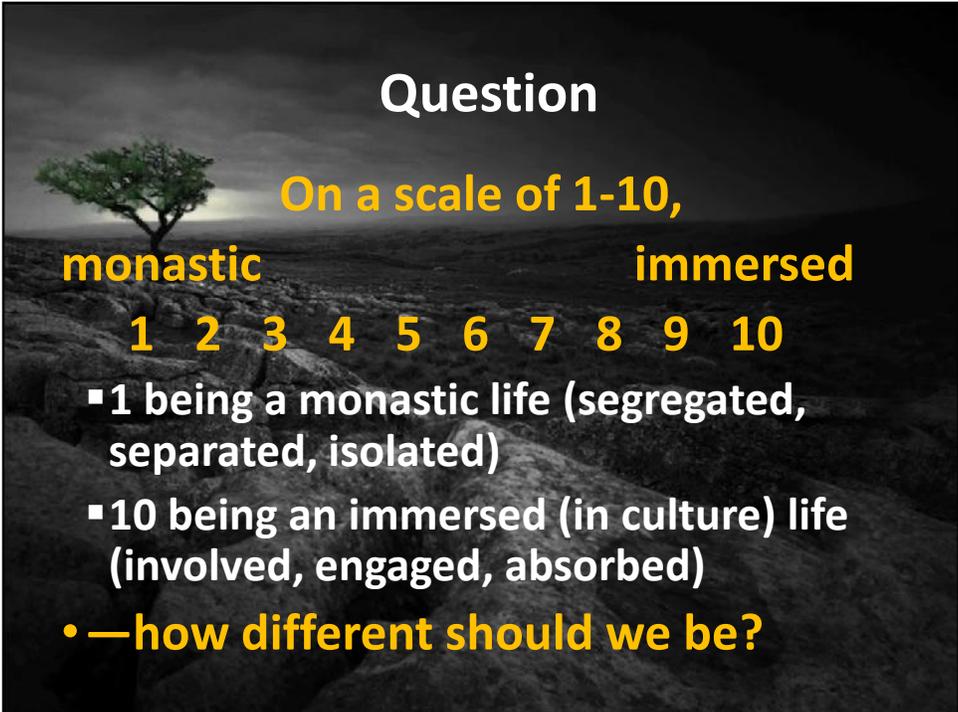


Question

- How different should we be than those around us that are unsaved?
- How separate from the world should we be?



Question

On a scale of 1-10,

monastic **immersed**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- 1 being a monastic life (segregated, separated, isolated)
- 10 being an immersed (in culture) life (involved, engaged, absorbed)
- —how different should we be?

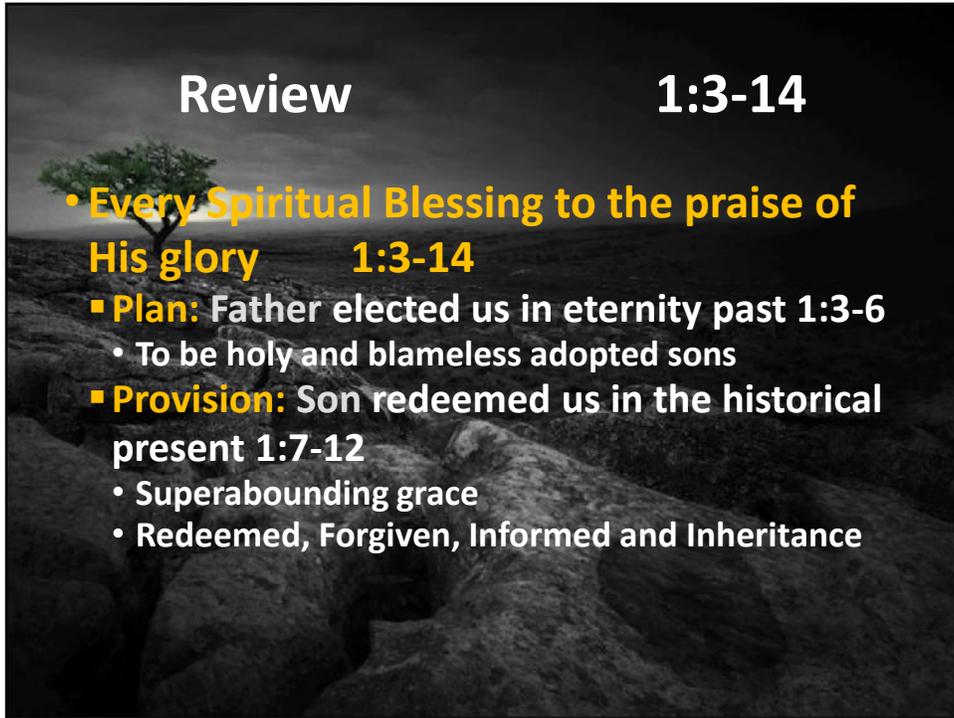
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- **What specific guidelines does Scripture give about how different Christians should be?**

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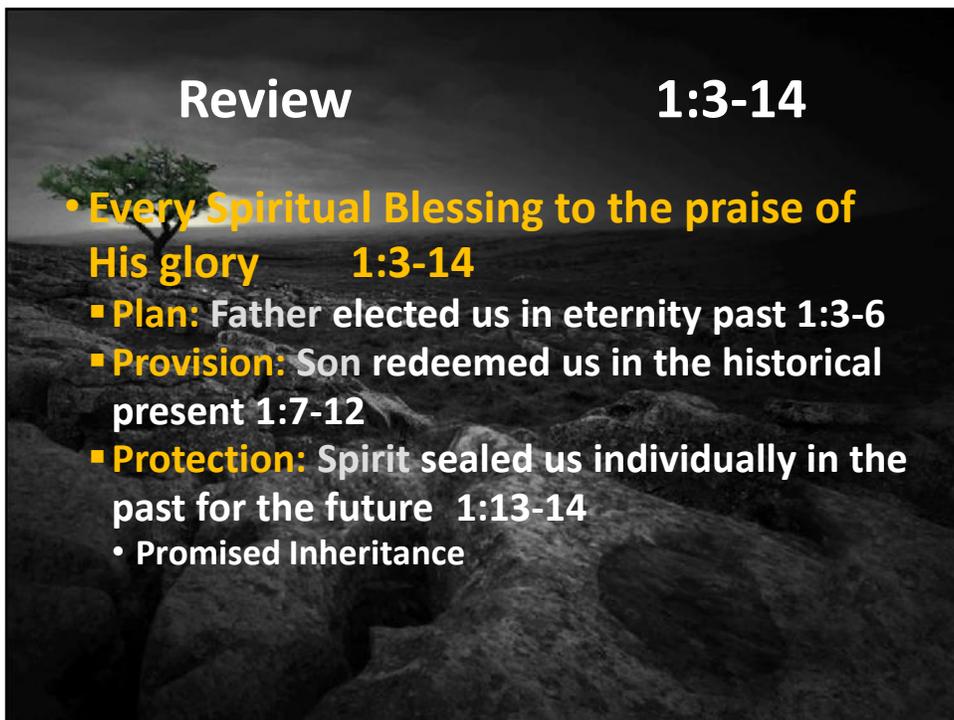
1:1-2

- **Paul writes to those “in Christ” 1:1-2**
 - That they might experience God’s grace and peace



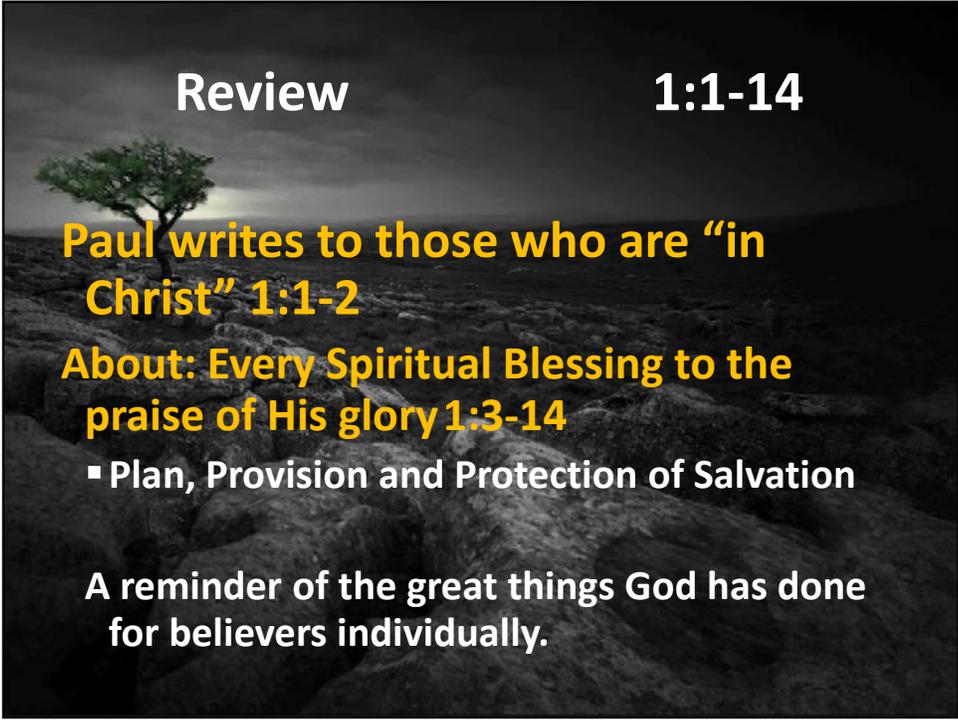
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- **Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**
 - **Plan:** Father elected us in eternity past 1:3-6
 - To be holy and blameless adopted sons
 - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
 - Superabounding grace
 - Redeemed, Forgiven, Informed and Inheritance



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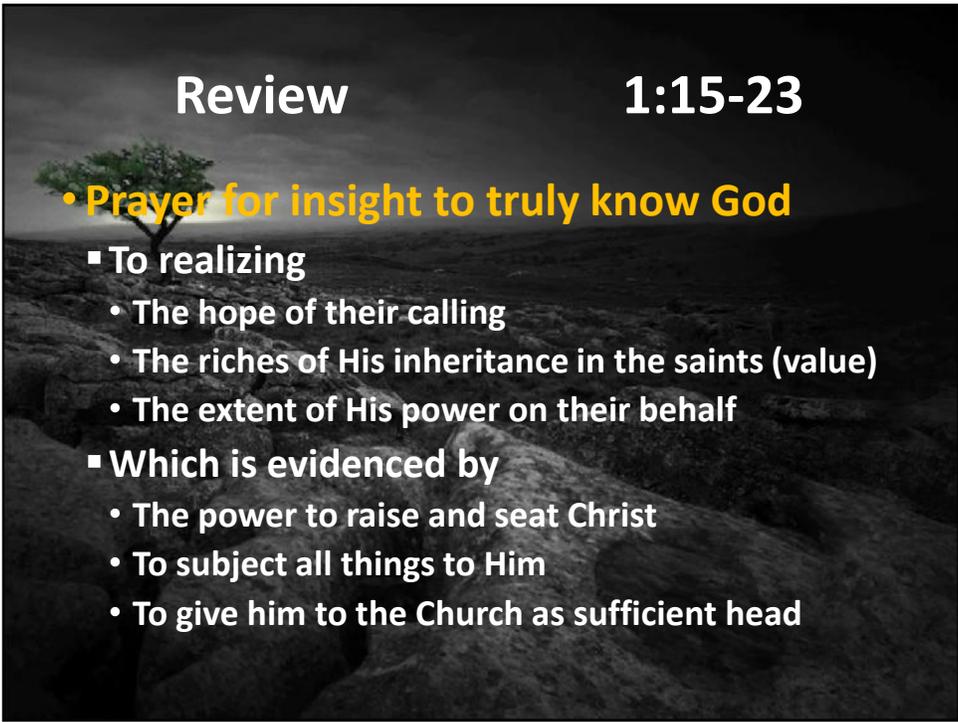
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Paul writes to those who are “in Christ” 1:1-2

About: Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14

- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



Review **1:15-23**

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
 - To realizing
 - The hope of their calling
 - The riches of His inheritance in the saints (value)
 - The extent of His power on their behalf
 - Which is evidenced by
 - The power to raise and seat Christ
 - To subject all things to Him
 - To give him to the Church as sufficient head



Review **1:1-23**

- **God's plan and benefits** **1:1-23**
 - Paul writes to those in Christ 1:1-2
 - Who have Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14
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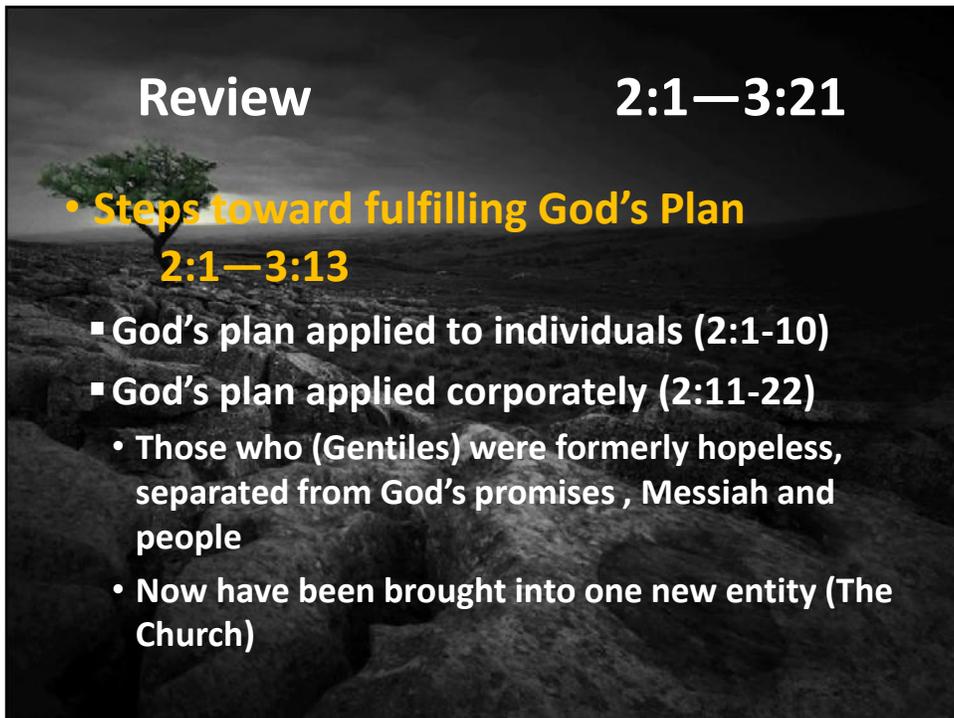
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Review **2:1—3:21**

- **Steps towards fulfilling God's plan 2:1—3:21**
 - **God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)**
 - Everyman's condition apart from God 2:1-3
 - "But God"
 - Rich in mercy
 - Based on His grace provided a relationship with Him
 - Obtained through faith
 - For the purpose of revealing God's grace through actions



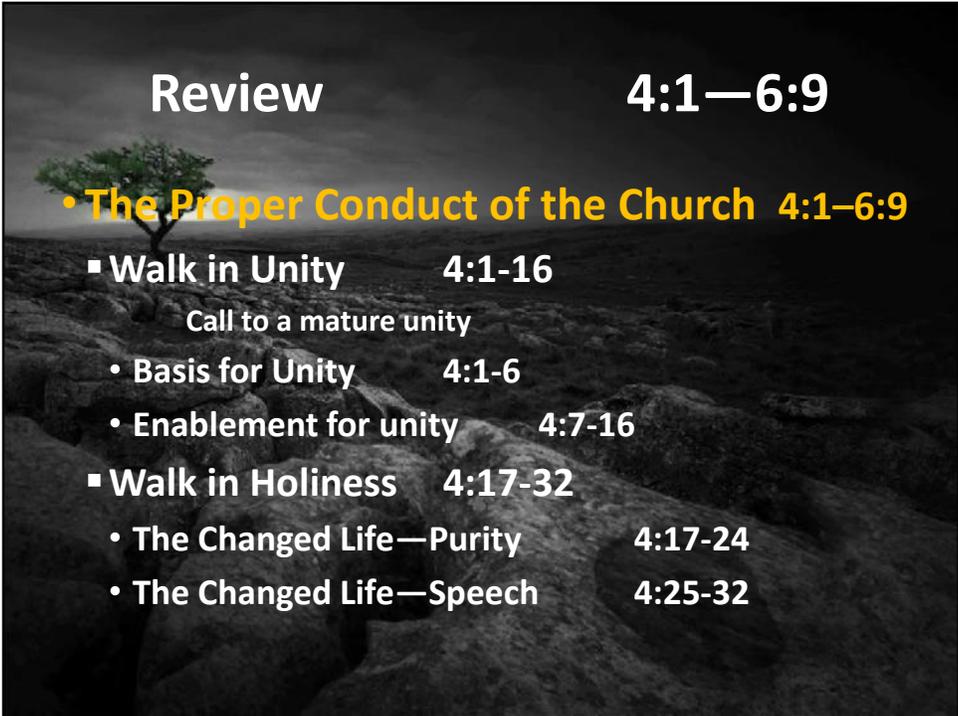
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 - Those who (Gentiles) were formerly hopeless, separated from God's promises, Messiah and people
 - Now have been brought into one new entity (The Church)



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- **Steps toward fulfilling God's Plan** **2:1—3:13**
 - God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)
 - God's plan applied corporately (2:11-22)
 - Expanding on the mystery: corporate identity (3:1-13)
 - Prayer for the Ephesians to know and experience Christ's love and experience maturity filled by God 3:14-19
 - The impossibly big prayer for intimacy and to be total consumed with God
 - Doxology: Praise to God for His superabounding 3:20-21



Review **4:1—6:9**

- **The Proper Conduct of the Church** **4:1—6:9**
 - **Walk in Unity** **4:1-16**
 - Call to a mature unity
 - **Basis for Unity** **4:1-6**
 - **Enablement for unity** **4:7-16**
 - **Walk in Holiness** **4:17-32**
 - **The Changed Life—Purity** **4:17-24**
 - **The Changed Life—Speech** **4:25-32**

Review/Preview

- **The New Christian** **4:17—5:21**
- **The new Christian Mind** **4:17-24**
 - Our thinking must be different
- **The new Christian speech** **4:25-32**
 - Our talking must be different
- **The new Christian motivation** **5:1-6**
 - Our impulses must be different
- **The new Christian lifestyle** **5:7-14**
 - Our fellowship must be different
- **The new Christian worship** **5:15-21**
 - Our time must be different

Context: Big Picture

- **4:1-16 is foundational for what is taught in 4:17—6:20.**
 - Having talked about Christ's love—now the called to love and unity based in Holiness.
- **4:17-24 Because of our new position (24b) and commands to put off the old self and put the new**
 - which is being created in righteousness and holiness of truth
 - Paul proceeds to demonstrate what this will look like both individually and corporately.
- **4:25-6:20 is the commentary on 4:17-24**
 - 4:17, contrasts the old life with the new without particulars, but warns against what "deceitful desires" (v. 22) may produce.
 - "Therefore" (*dio*) in v. 25 makes the connection between principle and practice.

Context / Overview

- **Strong emphasis on truth**
 - 4:15, Speak the truth in love
 - 4:21, were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus
 - 4:24, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness
 - 4:25, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor

Context / Overview

- **What does it take to maintain a community that is seeking to replace falsehood and anger with truth, kindness and forgiveness?**

LOVE



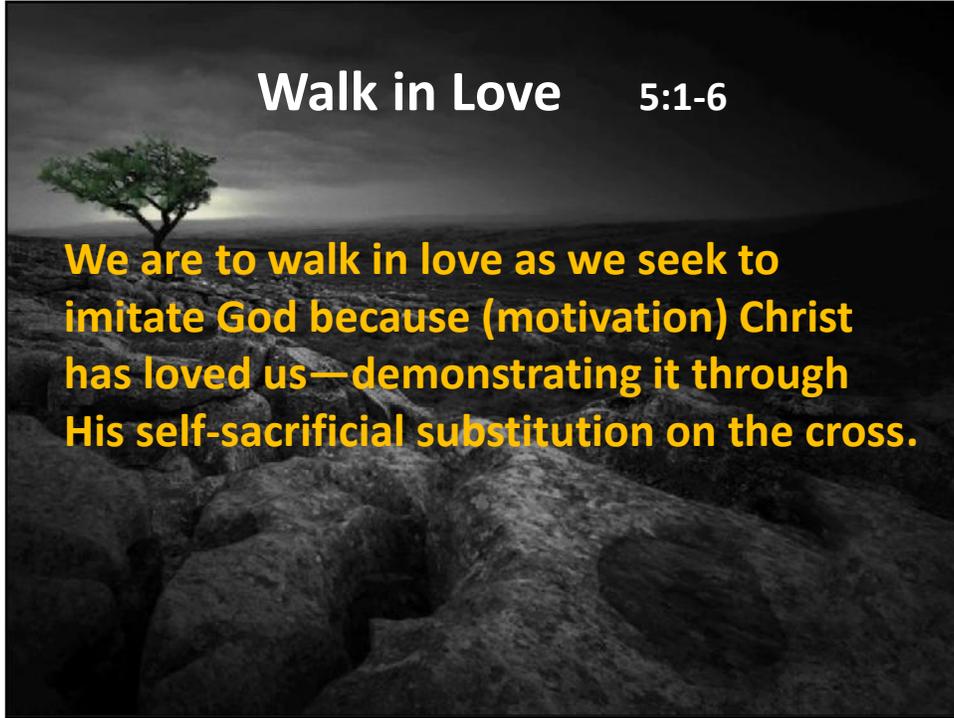
Walk in Love 5:1-6

- **Positive—Imitate God by walking in love 5:1-2**
 - **Command: Imitate God**
 - Would Paul command something we can't do?
 - **Command: Walk in Love**
 - What does it look like to “walk in love”?
- **In this context, to imitate God is to walk in love.**



Walk in Love 5:1-6

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 - **Command: Imitate God**
 - **Command: Walk in Love**
 - **Comparison: Christ's sacrificial love**
 - The motivation



Walk in Love 5:1-6

We are to walk in love as we seek to imitate God because (motivation) Christ has loved us—demonstrating it through His self-sacrificial substitution on the cross.



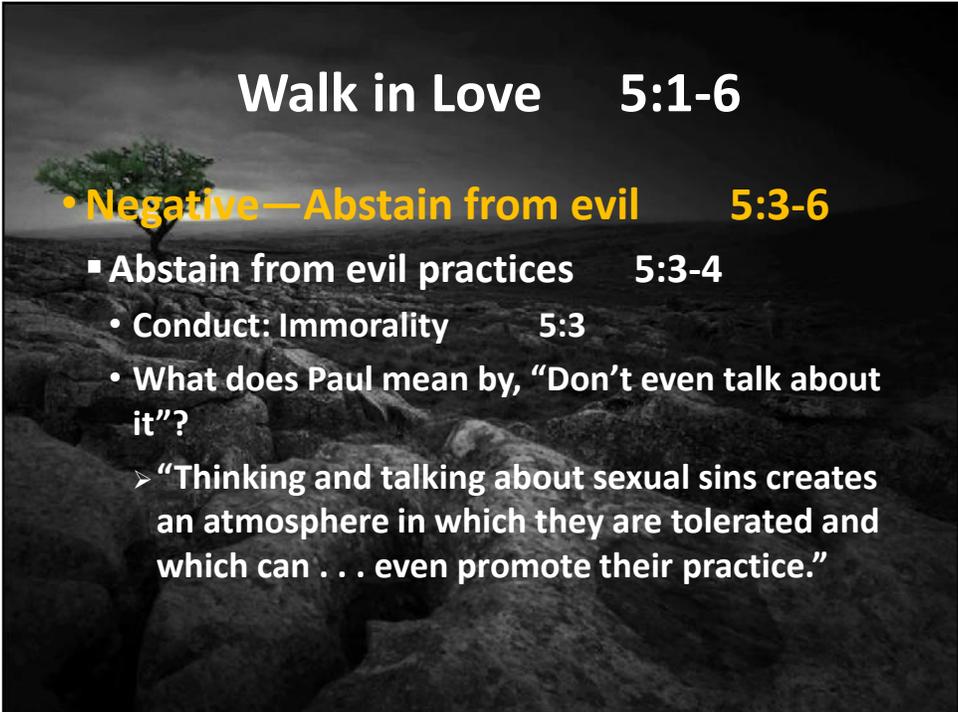
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- **Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6**
 - **Structure**
 - **3 Prohibitions against sexual immorality 5:3**
 - Reason—general statement
 - **3 Prohibitions against improper speech 5:4**
 - Reason—general statement
 - **2 Warnings (Reasons) why**
 - sexual immorality is serious 5:5
 - improper speech are serious 5:6



Walk in Love 5:1-6

- **Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6**
 - **Abstain from evil practices 5:3-4**
 - **Conduct: Immorality 5:3**
 - sexual immorality—any illicit sexual intercourse
 - and all impurity—state of moral corruption, unrestrained sexual behavior
 - covetousness —insatiable desire to have more



Walk in Love 5:1-6

- **Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6**
 - **Abstain from evil practices 5:3-4**
 - **Conduct: Immorality 5:3**
 - **What does Paul mean by, “Don’t even talk about it”?**
 - “Thinking and talking about sexual sins creates an atmosphere in which they are tolerated and which can . . . even promote their practice.”



Walk in Love 5:1-6

- **Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6**
 - Abstain from evil practices 5:3-4
 - Conduct: Immorality 5:3
 - Speech 5:4
 - Why is the opposite of these verbal sins “thanksgiving?”
 - **A thankful heart is the opposite of a critical, self-centered heart that is seen in our speech**



Walk in Love 5:1-6

- **Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6**
 - Abstain from evil practices 5:3-4
 - Reason: Consequences 5:5-6
 - “not inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God”
 - “wrath of God”
 - Who is this section addressing?
 - Who is the warning primarily for?

Consequences of Sin

- Does this mean “Christians” who sin will not go to heaven?
- Does this mean that individuals who persist in sin may not be Christians?
- Does this mean that individuals who persist in sin are lost and will not inherit the Kingdom of God and Christ?

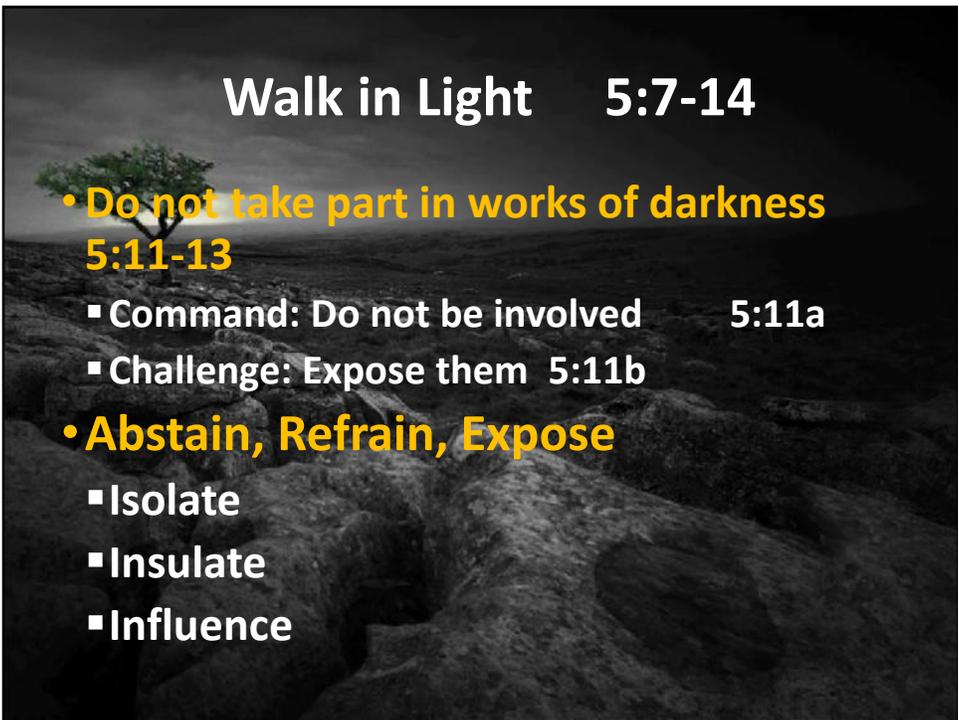
Matthew 11

- **Compare and Contrast Jesus and John the Baptist**
 - How different are Jesus and John?
 - How similar are they?
 - Same initial message
 - Same purpose
 - Same purity
 - Both attracted crowds seeking God
 - Both were direct and harsh with religious leaders



Walk in Light 5:7-14

- **Do not partner with darkness 5:7-10**
 - Command: Do not be involved 5:7
 - Reason: Christians are Changed People 5:8a-8b
 - Command: Walk as Children of Light 5:8c
 - Reason: Characteristics of the fruit of light 5:9
 - Challenge: Seek to please God 5:10
 - Goal—understand and then do what pleases God



Walk in Light 5:7-14

- **Do not take part in works of darkness 5:11-13**
 - Command: Do not be involved 5:11a
 - Challenge: Expose them 5:11b
- **Abstain, Refrain, Expose**
 - Isolate
 - Insulate
 - Influence

Walk in Light 5:7-14

- **Do not take part in works of darkness 5:11-13**
 - Command: Do not be involved 5:11a
 - Challenge: Expose them 5:11b
 - Reason: It is even shameful to talk about 5:12
 - Explanation: Things exposed to light become visible 5:13
 - Conclusion 5:14

Summary

- **How different should we be?**
 - In character we should be as different from the world as light and darkness

Application

- We must be willing to be different but not isolated.
- This requires being insolated but not secluded.
- In order to be proactive influences.