

Review

1:1–3:21 Positional Unity of the Church

1:1-23 God's (life insurance) plan and benefits

2:1–3:21 Steps towards fulfilling God's plan

2:1-10 God's plan (1:3-14) applied to individuals

2:11-22 New Corporate identity

2:13-22 Now have been brought near to God, being made into a new man—entity, the Church

3:1-13 The mystery of the Church is revealed after Christ

3:14-21 Prayer and Praise

3:14-19 Prayer for the Ephesians to know and experience Christ's love and experience maturity filled by God (The impossibly big prayer for intimacy and to be total consumed with God)

3:20-21 Doxology: Praise to God for His superabounding

4:1–6:9 The Proper Conduct of the Church

4:1-16 Call to a mature unity

4:1-6 Walk in Unity (Call for Unity)

4:7-16 The enablement for Unity and Maturity

4:17-24 Walk in Holiness—Remove and Replace

4:25-32 The New Christian speech: Walk in holiness by speaking the truth and demonstrate love not anger

Exposition

VII. Proper Conduct in the Church 4:1–6:9

A. Walk in Unity 4:1-16

B. Walk in Holiness 4:17-32

1. The Changed Life—Purity 4:17-24

Primarily individual conduct

2. The Changed Life—Speech 4:25-31

Primarily interpersonal conduct

Walk in Love and Light 5:1-14

C. Walk in Love 5:1-6

1. Positive—Imitate God by walking in love 5:1-2

a. Imitate God 5:1

b. Walk in love 5:2

1) Command—Love

2) Comparison—Christ's sacrificial love

2. Negative—Abstain from evil 5:3-6

a. Abstain from evil practices 5:3-4

1) Conduct 5:3

2) Speech 5:4

b. Reason: Consequences 5:5-6

D. Walk in Light 5:7-14

1. Do not partner with darkness 5:7-10

a. Command: Do not be involved 5:7

b. Reason: Christians are Changed People 5:8a-8b

1) Past: Were darkness 5:8a

2) Present: Are light in the Lord 5:8b

c. Command: Walk as Children of Light 5:8c

d. Reason: Characteristics of the fruit of light 5:9

e. Challenge: Seek to please God 5:10

2. Do not take part in works of darkness 5:11-13

a. Command: Do not be involved 5:11a

b. Challenge: Expose them 5:11b

c. Reason: It is even shameful to talk about them 5:12

d. Explanation: Things exposed to light become visible 5:13

3. Conclusion 5:14

Application