Ephesians 4-6:9 • The Christian Walk

1. (4:1-16) A biblical church equips the Body by the pursuit of **love** through the application of God’s **Word**:
	1. (v.12) “…*the* ***equipping*** *of the saints for the work of service*…”
	2. (v.12) “…***building up*** *the body of Christ*…”
	3. (v.13) “…*attain to the* ***unity*** *of faith*…”
	4. (v.13) “…*attain…to a* ***mature*** *man…the stature which belongs to the fullness of* ***Christ***…”
	5. (v.14) “…*no longer…****tossed*** *here and there…by every* ***wind*** *of doctrine*…”
	6. (v.15) “…*speaking the* ***truth*** *in* ***love***…”
	7. (v.15) “…*to* ***grow up*** *in all aspects into Him who is the head*…”
	8. (v.16) “…***fitted*** *and* ***held*** *together…according to the proper* ***working*** *of each part*…”
	9. (v.16) “…*growth…building up…in* ***love***.”
2. (4:17-32) Christians are expected to be radically different from the unsaved…
	1. (v.22-23) “…***lay aside*** *the old self*…”
	2. (v.24) “…*put on the* ***new self***…”
	3. (v.25-32) Lay aside behaviors specific to the **old** self in favor of the **new** self.
3. (5:1-5) Christians are expected to “***walk in love***” in the character of Christ on the **cross**, thinking of **others** and hating sin which should never be **named** among believers.
4. (5:6-14) The Christian walk is characterized as a partnership or lifestyle in the **Light**…
	1. (2 Co. 6:14) “…*not bound together with* ***unbelievers***…”
	2. (2 Pe. 1:4) “…*partakers of the* ***divine*** *nature*…”
	3. (Eph. 3:6) “…*partakers of the* ***promise***…”
	4. (1 Pe. 4:13) “…*share the* ***sufferings*** *of Christ*…”
	5. (Heb. 12:10) “…*share His* ***holiness***…”
	6. (Heb. 3:1) “…*partakers of a heavenly* ***calling***…”
	7. (1 Pe. 5:1) “…*partaker also of the* ***glory***…”
5. (5:15-17) A Christian walk does not waste time or resources apart from God’s **will**.
6. (5:18-6:9) Harmony and unity in our personal **relationships** proves harmony and unity in our overall **walk**.
7. Overall Application
	1. To walk in **unity**. (4:1-16)
	2. To walk in **purity**. (4:17-32)
	3. To walk in **love**. (5:1-5)
	4. To walk in the **Light**. (5:6-14)
	5. To walk **carefully**. (5:15-17)
	6. To walk in **harmony**. (5:18-6:9)