

“Walking in Wisdom” Ephesians 5:15-21

Our passage today comes from the life application section of Ephesians which began with the Apostle Paul’s appeal for the church to *“walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.”* (4:1) To walk worthy expresses the truth that our lives are to be in balance with the amazing and sovereign grace we have been shown when God called us to Himself and into His church. As Paul’s letter continues, he returns to the word *walk* on several occasions. We are to *“walk no longer as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds”* (4:17). On a positive note, Paul challenged his readers to *“walk in love”* (5:1), and to *“walk as children of light”* (5:8). Our focus this morning is the paragraph which begins with another admonition as to how we are to walk: *“Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise”* (5:15). Our focus this morning is twofold: to explore what it means to *walk in wisdom, and what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

TO WALK IN WISDOM IS:

1. To take great _____ in how we live our lives.

2. To make the most of _____ God has given to us.

3. To know and follow _____ of God by being filled with the Holy Spirit.

TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS:

- To not _____ the Spirit by giving ourselves to empty pursuits.
- Not _____ as being indwelt, baptized, or sealed by the Holy Spirit.
- To walk continually under His _____ while being enriched by His Word.
- To enjoy the impact He brings to our lives

Edifying _____ from our hearts

_____ to God

Respectful _____ to one another