

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 7/19/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 5:15-21](#)

TITLE: "PRACTICING THE BASICS"

INTRO:

1. Review of *Ephesians 5* study:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ in holiness, out of love, *verses 1, 2.*
  - b. Identify and overcome love's enemies, *verses 3-7.*
  - c. The topic of light in the Scripture.
    - (1.) The purposes of light/\_\_\_\_\_ darkness, attract attention, and \_\_\_\_\_ progress.
    - (2.) The Source of light/God.
  - d. The testimony of "lights" in the world, *verses 8-14.*
    - (1.) Separate from \_\_\_\_\_, *verses 6, 7.*
    - (2.) Live as children of light, *verses 8-10.*
    - (3.) Refuse participation with darkness/Produce \_\_\_\_\_ instead, *verses 11-14.*
2. Ever been tempted to quit anything?
3. In most cases God wants us to press on...

PROPOSITION: Will you embrace and employ the commands and instruction of this passage?

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

- I. GROW IN SPIRITUAL WISDOM, *Ephesians 5:15.*
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ Circumspectly, cf. [Proverbs 4:14-19](#).
  - B. Embrace \_\_\_\_\_, cf. [Proverbs 4:5-13](#).

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION:

II. REDEEM THE TIME FOR GOD, *Ephesians 5:16*.

A. Time Offers Opportunities, *verse 16a*, cf. [Psalm 90:12](#).

B. Time Requires Discipline And Discernment, *verse 16b*, cf. [Proverbs 10:5; 12:11 & 20:13](#).

III. PURSUE THE WILL OF GOD, *Ephesians 5:17*.

A. Transformed \_\_\_\_\_, *verse 17a*, cf. [Romans 12:1, 2](#).

B. Tenacious Submission, *verse 17b*, cf. [Colossians 1:9-13](#).

IV. KEEP YOUR SPIRIT AND BODY UNDER

CONTROL, *Ephesians 5:18-20*.

A. Reject Substance Control/ \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit Control, *verse 18*, cf. [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#).

B. Joyfully Minister To Others, *verse 19*, cf. [Romans 12:9-16; Philippians 4:11](#).

C. Give \_\_\_\_\_ To God, *verse 20*.

V. DEFER TO THE WILL OF OTHERS, *Ephesians 5:21*.

A. Others Have Good Ideas, cf. [Philippians 2:12-16](#).

B. Defer, in the Fear Of God/For The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Christ, cf. [Mark 10:42-45; John 13:12-17](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you at peace with God?
2. How do you stack up next to our study today?