

Walking in LOVE, LIGHT, and WISDOM together

[Eph 5:19-21 ESV] 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

I. Intro

- A. Chapter 5 is a very practical and straight forward text
- B. We have a high expectation and a supernatural empowerment
- C. There is beauty in this passage as Paul, inspired by the Spirit, writes these instructions.
- D. We should all be challenged at this point to walk more like Jesus!
- E. But...it is not a solo hick, but a march of an army!
- F. This army of warriors is:
 1. Empowered by the Spirit
 2. Our weapon is not meant to harm, but to empower
 3. Our unity is our testimony: Unity with Christ, and Unity with the body

II. Text

- A. Verse 19:
 1. This statement comes directly after the challenge to continually be filled with the Spirit, in direct contrast from the world.
 2. The counterfeits will not allow for this relationship to bloom.
 3. Addressing one another:
 - a) Greek literally stating: speaking or talking to
 - b) Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual songs: Scripture, and Songs based on Scripture.
 - c) Making melody in your Hearts:
 - (1) This does not mean that instruments cannot be used in worship, as some denominations have concluded
 - (2) The scripture is full of the use of instruments, and many are gifted to play them as an offering to the Lord.
 4. TO THE LORD: He is our audience
 5. WITH YOUR HEART: the connection to other believers as we worship God together is a special heart relationship.
- B. Verse 20:
 1. Giving thanks:
 - a) What are you thankful for?
 - b) How do you show it?
 - c) The Spirit filled life produces thankfulness
 2. Always and for everything
 - a) Showing thankfulness to the Lord is a reminder of who provides
 - b) This should come from the heart as well, but is also an exercise for believers
 - c) Thank God for HIS WORK, and respond accordingly.
 - d) Whatever season you are in right now is a season that you can thank the Lord for, because HE is working.
 3. To God the Father In the name of Jesus!
- C. Verse 21:
 1. For next week...but is possibly the point of emphasis in this chapter.
 2. Believers are not self serving, but rather serving the united cause of Christ.
 3. Submit to one another! Yield!

III. Point

- A. Making Melody in your Hearts
 1. Make Melody: Greek psallo: to pluck or twang a stringed instrument

2. In context we see this is an instrument, joining with other instruments, for a unified melody of the Spirit Filled Life
 3. When we sing and make melody with one another, our hearts join together as one.
 4. You are joining with the body of believers in worship that connects our hearts as one before the Lord!
 5. Worship is powerful!
 - a) And its not just about the ability to sing well
 - b) And its not just about the style of music
 6. As an orchestra plays different parts of a song, all the instruments have joined together to make a beautiful presentation to the Lord!
 - a) If one instrument is out of tune, it can be heard
 - b) If one instrument wants to play by a different set of music, it shows
 - c) If one instrument chooses not to play its part, something is missing and it shows
 7. Singing and making Melody in our hearts is truly a joy for the church!
 - a) It shows unity
 - b) It declares truth
 - c) It prepares our hearts to receive the word
 - d) It stirs our emotions
 8. Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs:
 - a) PSALMOS:
 - (1) a sacred ode, a pious song
 - (2) Sacred because the words are sacred and declare sacred truth
 - (3) Not specifically speaking of the psalms recorded in the OT book, but probably referencing them as a genre.
 - (4) Scripture Songs???
 - b) YMNOS:
 - (1) song of praise of God, sacred song
 - (2) Songs praising God, thanking God, remembering the God who provides
 - (3) Probably not specifically referencing "Victory in Jesus" or the "Old Rugged Cross", because those wouldn't be written for a few years.
 - (4) Referencing less about a style, and more about a purpose
 - c) PNEUMATIKOS:
 - (1) relating to the human spirit, or rational soul, as part of the man which is akin to God and serves as his instrument or organ
 - (2) Songs that stir your spirit and draw you into a renewed relationship
 - (3) Songs that speak to the spirit by the Spirit!
- B. Giving Thanks
1. [Psa 86:8-13 ESV] 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. 13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
 2. [1Th 5:14-24 ESV] 14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

3. Thanksgiving, Prayer, right living...all a part of the expectation for the life in the Spirit!
 4. Paul writes to the Thessalonians differently than the Ephesians
 5. The psalmist writes differently than Paul.
 6. But the content all speaks to the same thing!
 7. We are to be thankful, and show God by are walk TOGETHER!
- C. In the Name of Jesus
1. This is the Unity that comes from the Spirit
 2. We are untied in our actions, and our direction, and our mission
 3. We are making Melody in our Hearts together with
 4. [Gal 3:23-29 ESV] 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
- IV. Close
- A. We are the Body of christ
 - B. We are on a walk together, a march of the grace filled army of the Lord!