Ephesians 4-6

You need Jesus, and here’s what it looks like!

1. **Ephesians is known as “the Book of Walking:”**
2. Walk: Galatians = 4, Ephesians = 8, Philippians = 3, Colossians = 4
3. Love: Galatians = 5, Ephesians = 19, Philippians = 4, Colossians = 4
4. **Ephesians 4**
5. V.1-6, walk worthy of your calling – how serious does our commitment have to be?
* It’s all about attitude & commitment to AGAPE love. (No fuzzy feelings included)
* There’s only one way to do it right
1. V.7-10, Jesus’ gift = Way of Salvation. He DIED to offer it to us. What do we give?
* The gifts listed in v.11-16 are all for one purpose – nothing to do with OUR ideas.
1. V.11-16, the will of God is the growth of His faithful through our determined efforts.

We must grow up – become solid and stable – in matters of doctrine.

1. V.17-24, you can’t find Jesus without Jesus!
* Put no faith in the ways of the lost or their logic or reasoning. Leave it all behind!
1. V.25-32, no more promoting The Lie – speak the Truth to all!
* This is a summary of every true Christian’s complete paradigm shift.
* “Grieve the Holy Spirit” // to blaspheme the Holy Spirit= Sealed rejecting the Word.
	+ **John 16:12-14, not just red letters–it’s ALL the Word of God, 2 Tim 3:16-17.**
	+ **Matthew 12:24-32, no middle ground – either serve Jesus or active enemy.**

**To blaspheme the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven – EVER!**

* + **Mark 3:22-30, no forgiveness EVER! Because they say He has unclean spirit.**
	+ **Luke 11:53-12:10, blasphemes the Holy Spirit = NOT forgiven.**
	+ **I Timothy 1:12-16, the chief of sinners forgiven because of his ignorance.**
	+ **Hebrews 10:26, if we sin willfully, after knowing Truth, no more sacrifice!**
	+ **2 Peter 3:9, The Lord not willing that any perish but that ALL come to!**
	+ **To die in rebellion is not forgiven. Suicide, disease, age, loss of abilities…**
1. **Ephesians 5**
2. V.1-7, to follow our old ways is idolatry. That’s not allowed in any amount!
* Who says I can’t curse & swear? Check out James 1:26
1. V.8-14, no fellowship with works of darkness – EXPOSE them. Doctrinal error.
* The Light shows what is really there. 2 Timothy 2:15, know the Light!
1. V.15-21, watch where you’re going! What will your End of Life Regrets be?
* Want to get a buzz? Let’s have a singing! Biblical prayer: to Father through Son.
1. V.22-33, marriage rules as God Almighty gives them. Choose wisely!
* So much talk of LOVE – no emotions, but a DECISION and staying the course.
* Honeymoon or Horror – what makes the difference? Our attitude of AGAPE love!
* Compare Ephesians 5:22-6:9 to Colossians 3:18-25 for a parallel.
1. **Ephesians 6**
2. V.1-4, obey vs honor. We never outgrow need to honor our parents.
* Compare Exodus 20:12, and its recounting in Deuteronomy 5:16. HONOR.
* Live long on earth – did Steven honor parents, Acts 6:3-5? James, Acts 12:1-2? Was there a disclaimer about the OLD faithful suffering in Hebrews 11:35-38?
1. V.5-9, the basics of our role is covered and it may not be easy to uphold, but…
* Agape love – true character – doing what’s right even “when nobody sees”
1. V.10-20, armor and attitude. WW2 Japanese combatants. Banzai charge. Kamikaze
* We’re absolutely at war. What are we willing to put forward? 2 Timothy 2:3-5
* Armor is like our commitment – all or nothing. No second chances at life!
1. V.21-24, what do we see of Tychicus? He wanted God’s grace. Do you?
* To get the love of God we must love Him enough to accept His grace:

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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