The Prayer of Faith & the Filling of the Spirit

Ephesians 5:1-21

Wednesday
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1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Behavior that contradicts God's love

3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;
4 and there must be no ***shameful behavior*** and ***foolish*** talk, or ***vulgar joking***, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this you know with certainty, that no ***sexually*** immoral or ***morally*** impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

There is no compromise of God's character

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Past/present

8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; ***continue walking*** as children of Light
10 ***confirming*** what is pleasing to the Lord.
9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;
12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.
13 But all things ***being*** exposed by light ***are becoming visible***, for everything that becomes visible is light.
14 For this reason it says, "***Be waking***, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."
15 Therefore be careful how you ***are walking***, not as unwise men but as wise,
16 ***redeeming the*** time, because the days are evil.

Thoughtless/understanding

17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
21 and be subject to one another in the ***reverence*** of Christ.