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Ephesians - Part 8 (Relationships), Review

Ephesians 5:14-21: *14. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

What is meant by *awake thou that sleep, and arise from the dead*? Psalms 76:5-6: *5. The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands. 6. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.* Horses are strong, unclean thoughts and chariots are the messages of change (Ps 68:17 - KJ “angels” should be “changes”) brought by the horses. Horse’s mouths must be held in by bit and bridle (Ps 32:9), or, the law. *Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death* (Ps 13:3). Without light from Christ, a person is spiritually dead and walking in darkness; God rebukes with the truth.

What is meant by *redeeming the time*? The Greek literally means *to buy up*, figurative of *rescue*. Take advantage of the time you have. Everyday you delay studying, seeking the Lord for understanding and for overcoming is time lost. Do not put off until tomorrow, what can be done today in knowing the will of the Lord for yourself. I believe that we are living in the last days of this planet and every moment is precious. Submit to one another in the fear of God: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: *13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments* (spoken to the conscience): *for this is the whole duty of man. 14. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.*

What are the positive characteristics of “submission?” Obedience, a humble spirit; and from the root - *arrange under in an orderly manner*. So, if Christ is the head of the man, and the man is the head of the woman, then are we each arranged under Him in an orderly manner. If all is in gospel order, can a husband and wife expect to have problems in the flesh from time to time? Very definitely. Trials, however, are opportunities to grow closer to become one flesh. What causes a person to not be in submission? Corrupt thinking.

Wives, verses 22-24: *22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. 24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.* How are the wives to be submissive to their husbands? *as unto the Lord*. Ephesians 5:33: *Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.* How can a wife “revere” her husband? The Greek word for “revere” has a basic meaning of *to be in awe*. The archaic meaning from the 1590s is *inspiring good, be profoundly reverential*. This can be done by showing humility and respect, and can only be fully accomplished in Christ.