

Redeeming the Time

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Sovereign Yahshua ha Mashiyach, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. (Eph 5:15-21)

Every day that we are indifferent to our responsibility is a day lost to the cause of Messiah.¹ Why is there a direct command in Eph 5:15-21, culminating in verse 21, to submit to one another out of fear of God? This is how we are to *walk* in Eph 2:10 so as to produce the *synergy* of Eph 4:16.

“Redeeming the time” — *redeeming* is #1805, meaning “to redeem by payment of a price to recover from the power of another,” as from being under the sway of the evil one, who is a thief of our time and energy (Jn 10:10). Col 4:5 — “Redeeming the time” — This shows us that no slackers or any one dilly-dallying around will be of those who do our Father’s purpose. For the overcomers of Rev 3:4-5,21 are *not* the foolish virgins who fail to redeem the time lost or wasted, as the unwise “wise men” in Dan 2:8 who were trying to “gain time” to save their necks because they were not connected to the God of heaven as Daniel was.

Col 4:5 is the short opportunity we have to serve Him (Jn 12:26), so we must take advantage of every opportunity to bring about His purpose, to make Mt 21:43 and 24:14 and Heb 10:13 and Acts 3:25 happen as Isa 49:6,8 by Acts 26:7, during these days of the restoration of all things (Mk 9:11-12; Mt 17:11).

Col 4:5 — To redeem the time lost is to repent and walk in wisdom (1 Pet 2:12) as a witness, so an unbeliever can see and observe our behavior. So therefore, apply Eph

¹ See the *Reconciliation* teaching (2008.10.00-T01), page 3.

5:14 to your time wasted by your laziness or good-for-nothing attitude, as if dead as far as Jn 14:15,21 is concerned, without revelation or light or illumination.

Eph 5:15 — Where are you in Mt 25:1-11? Now is the time to make up for all the time lost in your indifference of puttering around. Eph 5:17 — So do you know what His will is? Eph 4:16 — The effective working (#1753, *energia*) of each one — efficient, synergistic. There is no time to waste. You have to use *all* your energy each day, and then the Sabbath is truly kept, even as Jms 5:16 teaches us how to pray the *effectual* (#1754, *energeo*) prayer of a righteous disciple (Mt 10:41) — effective, fervent, operative, to be at work, to put forth power.

Nothing will ever be accomplished without redeeming the time, even for the last 1900 years wasted. Rev 2:4-5; 3:16 — Lukewarmness is one who is not doing *all he can do* (Mt 26:13; Eph 5:17; Mk 3:31-35).

So again, “Wake up, O sleeper!” Your light has gone out. You lack illumination, revelation (Jn 14:21). Do not be a foolish virgin (Eph 5:17). Do not be unwise, but as Pr 2:1-22. Verse 2 — Apply your heart to *understanding* (verse 5,9,11).

Eph 4:16,17,18,20 — How have you learned Messiah?

So Eph 2:19-22 is what we are doing in this short lifespan, by holding fast to the Head (Col 2:19). Only here is there any possibility that the growth of God’s eternal dwelling will be from Him (Rev 21:3,9,12). The more we all grow up into the Head, the time wasted by others who are not wise will be redeemed, and even one of us who is asleep may now hear the wakeup call and serve Him *here*, where He is (Jn 12:26). All who do will be honored by our Father and His Father (Jn 20:17).

We can see clearly in Rev 17 that the woman on the back of the Beast is Christianity, as in 1 Jn 4:2-3, the “anti-christ” spirit that does *not* confess that Yahshua “is come” in the flesh — *incarnate* as Jn 12:25-26. That anti-christ (the Beast) will come about as Rev 17:1-7, until verses 16-18, when her judgment will be as Rev 18:1-10.

It has to be that the restored twelve tribes of Acts 26:7 and Christianity are two *contrasting* witnesses of the two contrasting dominions (Col 1:13).

The reason for this teaching is because there will be 50 percent wise and 50 percent foolish or unwise on the last day, as Dan 12:10, and Dan 12:1-3 speaks of US as wise in Jms 5:19-20. This brother in verse 20 hopefully redeemed the time wasted in his un-diligent state of mind (Eph 5:15-21).

Eph 5:21 is essential, since each and every one of us has special gifts, and for them to cause *synergy* (bodily workmanship, Eph 2:10), each one must submit to greater grace in another.