



Subject: Faithful Living in a Godless Age
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Text: Ephesians 5:13-20 (NIV)

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introductory Word

At history’s end, when we stand before God, the most important issue will be our _____
(Luke 18:8 and Matthew 25:23).

The Turn to the Text

Ephesus was one of the most important cities in Asia Minor. It was called “the Mother City” of Asia. It rivaled cities like Antioch, Corinth, Alexandria, even Rome. Ephesus was the largest trading center in Asia Minor.

Three characteristics of this mega-city:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The letter can be divided into two major sections: (1) chapters _____ contain theological exposition and (2) chapters _____ contain extensive exhortations related to ethical issues.

This letter to the Ephesians not only teaches them about the gospel of Jesus, it provides practical instructions on how to live in a society that is _____.

Question: How would you describe the unique spiritual condition Paul encountered and challenged in Ephesus?

From the Text to Our Context

There are four striking parallels between America and Ephesus worth noting:

- Wealthy
- Cultural Hub
- Influential among the nations of the earth
- Profound blindness and confusion of mind

Question: What does Dr. Brogdon mean by the statement “America is a godless society?”

List any three characteristics of godlessness in America

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Wisdom from the Text for Faithful Living

1. Don't waste your time (5:15-16)
2. Don't live like a fool (5:17)
3. Don't be full of the wrong spirit (5:18-20)

Notes
