

## MAINTAINING A TRANSFORMED LIFE

### Ephesians 5:1-21

**How can we be “in” the world, but not “of” the world?**

#### **I. CLEAN-UP (1-7) “Commitment”**

- Not even a hint of
  - sexual immorality (3)
  - greed
  - trash talk (4) (obscenity, foolish talk, coarse joking)
- no partnership with disobedience (5-7)

#### **II. WAKE-UP (8-14) “Discernment”**

- Night is over, live in light which consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth (8,9)
- Find out what pleases the Lord (10)
- As Christ shines on us, we shine on others (11-14)

#### **III. FILL-UP (15-21) “Empowerment”**

- Redeem the time (16) – Kairos – unique moment of opportunity
- Discover the Lord’s will
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit (18) cf Acts 2:15

HOW ?

Present tense → continual action - “go on being filled”

Passive voice → let yourself be filled

Imperative mood → a command

RESULTS ?

Speaking – psalms, hymns, spiritual songs

Singing – make “heart” music

Thanksgiving – always in everything

Submitting – to one another

***The daily discipline (holy habit) of obedience to Jesus Christ helps us make a difference.***

**CLEAN UP**

→ **Commitment**

**WAKE UP**

→ **Discernment**

**FILL UP**

→ **Empowerment**