

The Importance of Our Families in God's Divine Economy
"Walk worthy of your calling"
Ephesians 4-6

The Overall Message of the Book could be defined – as Watchman Nee – as *Sit, Walk & Stand*

- [1] Sit – *God "raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus"* – see the number of references to "in Christ" in the 1st part of the Epistle.
- [2] Walk – "Walk worthy" (4:1); "*walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk*" (4:17); "walk in love" (5:2); "walk in light" (5:8); "walk in care" (5:15).
- [3] Stand – "*Put on the full armor of God, that you might be able to stand.... Stand therefore*" (6:11, 14)

As we look at the flow of this passage, we see:

1A. God's Desire for His Children and His Church – 4:1-6:9

- 1B. The Focus is on the Walk of the Believer
- 2B. The Focus is on the Cautious Walk of the Believer – 5:15ff.
- 3B. The Focus is on the Spiritual Walk of the Believer – 5:18-21
- 4B. The Focus is on the Family Life Walk of the Believer – 5:21-6:9
 - 1C. Husband & Wife – 5:21-33
 - 2C. Father & Children – 6:1-4
 - 3C. Master (the husband & father) & Slaves – 6:5-9

2A. Satan's Opposition to God's Children and His Church – 6:10-13

- 1B. The Devil Stands in Opposition to Us
 - 1C. He doesn't want us to live "in unity" (see 4:1-16)
 - 2C. He doesn't want us to live in "conformity to God" (see 4:17-32)
 - 3C. He doesn't want us to live in Christ-like Forgiving Love (see 5:1-6)
 - 4C. He doesn't want us to "walk in God's Light" (see 5:7-14)
 - 5C. He doesn't want us to "walk in care" – being wise – not unwise (see 5:15ff)
- 2B. We Must Stand in Opposition to Him – 6:11 (1x); 6:13 (2x); 6:14 (1x)
 - ✓ {1} Notice the emphasis on "standing firm" – *stēnai* (στηναι)
 - ✓ {2} The word "resist" in v. 13 is *antistēnai* (ἀντιστηναι)

3A. God's Answer for His Children and His Church

- 1B. Obedience to the Word and Will of God – "walk"
- 2B. Yieldedness to the Spirit of God
- 3B. Continual Dependence on the Power of God
 - 1C. "Put on the full armor of God" – 6:10-17
 - 2C. "Pray" – "with all prayer & petition pray at all times" – 6:18-20