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If he's in chapter 5 verse 1 to chapter 6, verse 20, These are the words of god. Therefore be imitators of god as dear children. And walk in love as christ, also has loved us. And giving himself for us and offering and to sacrifice to god. For a sweet smelling aroma.

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints. Neither filthiness nor foolish talking nor of course jesting which are not fitting. But rather giving of thanks For this, you know, that no fornicator unclean person. Nor covetous, man, who is an idolater?

Has any inheritance? In the kingdom of christ. And god, Let no one deceive you with empty words. For because of these things, the wrath of god comes. Upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not be partakers within. For you were once darkness. But now you are light in the lord.

Walk as children of light. For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness. Righteousness, and truth. Finding out what is acceptable to the lord and have no fellowship. With the unfruitful works of darkness. But rather expose them. For it is shameful, even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light. For whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore, he says awake. You who sleep arise from the dead? And christ will give you light. See, then that you walk circumspectly. Not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the lord is and to not be drunk with wine which is dissipation. But be filled with the spirit speaking to one another in psalms and hymns. And spiritual songs. Singing and making melody in your heart to the lord.

Giving. Thanks always for all things to god. The father. In the name of our lord jesus christ. Submitting to one another in the fear of god. Wives submit to your own husbands as to the lord. For the husband is the head of the wife has. Also christ is the head of the church and he is the savior of the body.

Therefore, just as the church is subject to christ, So let the wives be to their own husbands and everything. Husbands. Love your wives. Just as christ. Also loved the church. And gave himself for her that he might sanctify and cleanse her. With the washing of water by the word that he might present her to himself, a glorious church.

Not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing. But that she should be holy and without blemish. So, husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife, loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it. Just as the lord does the church.

For we are the members of his body of his flesh. And of his bones. For this reason, the man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. And the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery. But i speak concerning christ and the church.

Nevertheless. Let each one of you in particular, so love. His own wife as himself. And let the wife see that she respects her husband, Children. Obey your parents in the lord for this is, right? Honor your father and mother. Which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with you and you may live long in the earth.

And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath. But bring them up and the training and admonition of the lord. Bond servants. The obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh with fear, and trembling and sincerity of heart. As to christ, Not with eye service as men pleasers.

Let us bond servants of christ. Doing the will of god from the heart with goodwill doing service as to the lord and not to men. Knowing that whatever good anyone does. He will receive the same from the lord. Whether he is slave or free. And you masters do the same things to them.

Giving up threatening, knowing that your own master also is in heaven. And there is no partiality with him. Finally my brethren. Be strong in the lord. And in the power of his might, Put on the whole armor of god that you may be able to stand against the wilds of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. But against principalities against powers. Against the rulers of the darkness of this age. Against spiritual hosts of wickedness. And the heavenly places. Therefore, Take up the whole armor of god. That you may be able to withstand in the evil day.

And having done all. To stand. Stand. Therefore, Having girded your waist with truth. Having put on the breast plate of righteousness. And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all taking the shield of faith. With which you will be able to clinge the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit. Which is the word of god. Praying, always with all prayer. And supplication in the spirit. Being watchful to this end. With. With all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. And for me, That utterance may be given to me.

That i may open my mouth boldly. To make known the mystery of the gospel. For which I am an ambassador in chains. That in it. I may speak boldly. As i ought to speak. Amen. That sounds just reading of god's inspired and inherent word. We rejoice that he adds his blessing by his spirit.

To the preaching of it. Please be seated.

There is a battle on between light and darkness. And atom, we ate of the fruit. To transgressed the covenant of works. And in the a day that we ate of it in him dying, we died. What we became. Was sons of disobedience. Children of wrath. Dead in trespasses and sins.

This is the original nature of everyone. Who is descended by ordinary generation. From Adam. According to ephesians 2. Where he describes it as universally, true of everyone. Even in the church, Of the beginning of everyone in the church. But now, as the lord tells us and First john three, the son of god.

Has been manifested to destroy the works of the devil. And there is no greater destruction of the works of the devil than to take those Who are sons of disobedience and children of wrath. And make them children of the living. God Who are sons of righteousness slaves, unto god for righteousness.

Even as beloved children. Jesus, having come and fulfilled this mission. We know how immediately. Even before the lord told. Eve and adam the consequences for them of their sin. When you pronounced curse on the serpent. There would be now two racists. There are still on earth. Just two races.

Those who are born of god and those who are of the devil. And we read in first john three that as jesus has destroyed, the works of the devil concerning. The race that is born of god, you can identify the two races. By how they walk? Those who are still of the devil walk in sin.

Those who are the sons of god walk in the light. Even as he is in the light, they walk. In righteousness. It is the bread and butter of the false teacher in these days. To say that there is no real difference between the way the church walks, And the way the world walks, But here first john three verses 7 through 9 little children.

Let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who sins is of the devil. For the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the son of god was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of god does not sin.

For his seed, remains in him. You cannot send. Because he has been born of god. Now much abuse has been made of that passage, but we can see in our primary text this morning. And if Ephesians chapters 5 and 6, What the spirit? Says it a little more succinctly here.

And first, john three is saying, Not that a believer, never commits a sin, but he does not walk in sin. He walks in righteousness and battles against sin. And so, as we look at ephesians 5, And six, especially we see these three walking descriptions of the walks of the beloved children.

Number one, therefore, be imitators of god as dear. And it is the word. Beloved just as god, says same word of jesus, my beloved son, he calls us his beloved children. Be imitators of god as beloved children bear. The family resemblance. We could tell who jesus is. As the sun because his characters exactly that of the father, displayed in a true humanity, He says now you in your redeemed humanity, more and more are to bear the character of god in the character of christ.

And so there are these three walk statements verse two walk in love. As christ also has loved us verse 8, you were once darkness, but now you are light in the lord, walk as children of light. Verse 15. See, then that you walk circumspectly. Not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time.

Because the days are evil. So we can identify, who is on the darkness and who is of the light by how they walk. The beloved children of god, must walk in love those. Who are now light in the lord who are no longer darkness must walk as children of light those who are righteous but living in evil days.

Between the fall and the resurrection. Those who are righteous must walk through conspectly accurately. Carefully. Ephesians 5 verse 15. Love and holiness, the contrasts the filthiness and foolishness. Of the sons of disobedience light. That exposes the unfruitful works of darkness carefulness. That redeems the time. An evil days. This is how God's beloved children.

Are to walk. And so we can see that taking those verses. As a good summary. Of chapter 5 and Versus. One through 16 or so. You can see that we're still on the same same theme when we get to chapter 6 and the verse 12, Where he says, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood.

That we are in a battle between light and darkness. And he says, walk as children, walk as light. Walk as righteous. But then he comes, and he tells us that we do this, not in our self, not in our strength, but in our dad, In our father. Who is our god in our redeemer?

Our elder brother. Who is our god? And so, he says, finally my brethren be strong in the lord. And then the power of his might, Verse 12, he says That we are in a spiritual war. In which the family of god. The children of god find themselves embroiled in this war during the age of darkness.

And so, in order to walk as god's children of light, in the midst of darkness, We must first be able to stand against the wiles of the devil verse 11. To withstand. In the evil day. Verse 13 and having done, all end of verse 13, To stand. You cannot walk.

If you cannot even stand. And so if we are to imitate father, and if we are to walk as light, we must first be able to stand by the strength of god against an onslaught. We're not on neutral ground. Says, not a stroll in the park. The walking is done in the midst.

Of a battle. And so, how are we to stand by the strength of the lord himself by the power of the lord himself, verse 10 answers? His grace is sufficient for us. Because his strength. Is made perfect. In our weakness, 2nd Corinthians 12 verse 9. And so, when he describes the putting on of this armor, He is describing the putting on of god's strength, by god's grace.

Through the use. Of the means of his grace. You pay attention to the armor and we're not going to do this. You have a whole series of sermons, just on each one. And that's fine. That's Um, That's not the legitimate. And yet taken all together, what you see? Is the armor that you put on is basically the use of the ordinary means of grace in the worship of god.

Coming to him through his word, coming to him, embracing his truth, coming to him, believing that truth about himself and his salvation and what he does in those whom he brings to faith in jesus christ. Knowing that, he who began the work of salvation is still completing the work of salvation because he has given them.

First of all, the righteousness of jesus christ that can never be pierced.

So he has given us, the means of his grace. The means of his strength. Remembering that grace here. Is we're saying the word grace here, especially meaning. Um, god's strength in the midst of our weakness. The means of his strength here called his armor, his righteousness, which is clung to By way of faith, believing Meditation on the gospel of peace.

A salvation that has been begun and destroyed to be completed. This armor, these truths make up the warp and woof of the scriptures. As we have heard much of the word of god, preached and taught together in the public worship and the corporate teaching and the other ways by which we go through the scripture together as a congregation.

You have found the things that are described in the armor of god on every page of the bible. They they make up the core. Of every text. Even that, which we are commanded to do. Was a reflection of the character of god and his righteousness, the reflection of the character of christ.

A description of what has been counted for us. Because christ has done it perfectly and what is being formed in us because the spirit is forming christ in us. And therefore what we are to do. As beloved children and what those who have this hope do. Because those who helped us purify themselves even As he is pure.

But not only the the word of god plunged to in this way. Not just read and understood. But calling to warn his armor god himself embraced by means of his word worship. The worshipful use of the word of god and the worshipful use of prayer. This final piece of the armor that that is not described using armor language.

And yet is a great part of the armor of god without which none of the rest is being used, properly praying, all ways with all prayer. But this too, is not just a use of words or a lifting of thoughts unto God. It is an active embrace of and dependence.

Upon god, the holy spirit. Praying, always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.

Being waterful to this end and so forth holding to god's word independence, upon god, the spirit himself carried in our praying for the use of all of these things. And in the armor of god, by the spirit, who first caused the word to be written, as scripture that same spirit who now helps us in our praying, As we see here, and Now romans chapter 8.

The same spirit who now writes his word on our heart. Now, this is the how of our walking. Walking by standing in god's strength by god's own grace which he has ordained to work in us through spirit sustained, worshipful, believing attendance upon the word of god and prayer. In other words, Worship.

The means of grace. Not just attended to. But god attended to In worship. By way of the means of grace. This is the how of our walking. What you'll notice that this is also very much. The what of our walking? The worship of god in his word is what we do.

As we look at the there are four battlefields There are four fields of battle in this war that our rate that is raging and But we see them in verse 17 through 21. And the field of, Of public worship. A and then versus 22 through 33 in the field of marriage and chapter 6, verses 1 through 4 in the field of parenting, and then in the field of the workplace in chapter 6 verses Versus five through nine.

And yet in three of these fields, The primary work. Is attending upon god in the means of grace. It's not just about how of our walking, it's the want of our, it's what we do. Attending upon god in the in the means of grace, is the great thing. In the life of a congregation attending upon god.

In the means of grace, is the great thing in a proper biblical marriage. It's not just. Yeah. Avoiding committing adultery. And flirting with. Uh, with others. And surviving. Without the house burning down and making it to the end of the children without the children burning down spiritually or physically.

And And then you really succeed, if If you can continue your armistice in the absence of the children, No. We'll see. Attending upon god and the means of grace as the core of a biblical congregation of a biblical marriage and of biblical parenting. Contrary to how it is much very often been applied, Ephesians 6:4 is not does not say thou shalt spank and scold.

And so, what you see is that god who has given himself to us in his work, who has given himself to us in prayer, so that himself be strong in the lord. And in the power of his might and that is the, how of the standing and the withstanding and the having done all to stand so that we can walk as As.

Sorry, i've got walk in love and walk in light and walk as wise That he actually. Doesn't just give that to us as the how but in three of these fields, As the center of our Walking. First public

worship. Chapter 5. Verses 17 through 21 everyone worships. Everyone has something that That they find happiness and identity and purpose in.

Even those who are trying not to find it in anything. What do they do? They get drunk. But they weren't as good as getting drunk, they were only using alcohol. In those days, we have many other ways and forms of drunkenness, and losing ourselves, and revelry, and the destruction of the mind and the escape from reality.

But the the escape of the reality so that so that all of the filth that is within can just come bursting forth unrestrained as it does with the drunkard. And with those who are Often that public worship services like concerts. And certain sorts of dancings. And even athletic events.

Where you get together with 100 thousand of your co worshipers and sing the hymns? And observe the rituals and everyone rebels and loses themselves. We have a new and subtle form of drunkenness. This virtual and anonymity on the internet. Where you lose all of the inhibitions that come with having to actual actually deal with face-to-face people.

And you let all sorts of your flesh come out that you never would have done. Everyone worships. But the worship of god, Is set over against the worship of the world, do not be drunk with wine in, which is dissipation, but be filled with the spirit and god helped those who think the feeling of the spirit looks like some sanctified form of drunkenness.

No, it's exactly the opposite. The fruit of the spirit is self-control. And here being filled to the spirit. Speaking to one another In psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart, to the lord, you can tell right to the heart. Most christian worship is.

But i say that, but thank god. I'm not that acquainted with a lot of the so-called christian worship that's out there. Now having Almost exclusively worshiped with Uh, with you people for A while. Praise god. But much, we'll say much. Much christian worship. Or much, what pat much of what passes for christian worship will will still have Uh, some reading of the bible, hopefully praying that Has some biblical influence.

But, Come to the singing and all self-breaks loose. It's it's not the word of god. So clearly And, Carefully. That it is instruction. Speaking to one another in psalms sins and spiritual songs using those, those super scripts those verses in the Hebrew bible that are on. So many of the psalms in the Hebrew bible and and these there's a Greek translation of the Hebrew bible.

And the words that are translated here, psalms and spiritual songs are the Greek words that come from those superscripts, He's not telling them just sing the songs. But we are to let the word of christ dwell on us richly and Colossians 3. The barrel of pattern says that, but we see him he's saying By considering what god has given us to sing in worship, you can tell that god wants his word at the heart of worship.

That worship will not be drunkenness. Worship will not be the losing of the self and the the just letting yourself go. But worship will be. God's word, red, god's word prayed, god's word, preached, god's word heard, preach and god's word sung. So that even in the singing we address one another And the tune.

And christian worship. Is not on the hand. It's not an instrument. It's in the heart. The tune is in your heart. To the lord verse 19 and the parallel and colossians 316. Uh, makes it even more clear. It says, with grace. In the heart. Grace in the heart is the accompaniment.

Of christian, congregational singing. When he says, is this triune Let's try in exercise. God, the spirit filling us with the word that he had written on the page and now writing the word on our

hearts, by grace, in the heart. And god, the spirit is doing this and as and as he does this, we give thanks always for all things to god.

The father and we do that in the name of God the son. Our lord jesus christ. So that the the core of christian worship is not the expression of the christianself. It's expression of the christian god. Among the christian assembly. The father and the son, and the holy spirit.

And when a baby, When a baby is is prattling best she can Psalm 130. I have a video somewhere of a baby prattling. Psalm 130 and a lord's day afternoon. When a baby is singing with the congregation and she's doing the best she can and god has ordained, praise out of the mouths of infants, psalm 8, he's ordained strength.

Why? Because the praise of god is done biblically by use of the word of god. And the word of god is the means by which we have the grace of god. And in the grace of god, we have the strength of god to stand and withstand, and having done all to stand so that we can walk in love and we can walk in light, and we can walk in wisdom.

And when you littlest once, Or singing god's word in his worship. Every. Older child every mom. Every dad, every elderly person, every single, every elder of the church, every minister must submit to you. Isn't it horrible? Let's take this. Subordinate clause and verse 21 and and because of our our anti-biblical view of marriage in the day, try to marry it.

To verse 22, wives submit yourselves. But there is a submission to god and his word. In which we do learn. To submit our interests, not necessarily our authority, but our interests to all others. But this is the first battlefield. Whom do you worship and how do you worship? Simple word, rich public worship is a field of battle upon which god's children walk as light that exposes the darkness.

And when the worship of the church is unintelligible from the reveling of the darkness, the church worships as darkness, rather than light. The second place marriage. Wife submitting to their husbands rather than desiring to control them as sin desired to control king. See. Excuse me. Why? It's submit to your own husbands as unto the lord.

After the fall the the sinfulness of the woman counters goes and direct contradiction to what she should by god's grace want to do in following his word and be led by your husband and be taught by her husband to be a help to him in all of his service to god.

And and he, to be the one who, who is her head? Her authority, her leader, her teacher. And God comes in Genesis 3 and he tells eve your desire will be for your husband but he will rule over you. And all the people with the disney hermeneutic say, oh, that's horrible.

Authority in marriage, came from the fall and all she wants to do is love her husband, but he's going to rule over no. Do your hermeneutics from the bible? A few verses later, he uses the same verbs in the same format telling cane sin is crouching at your door.

It's desire is for you but you must rule over it. And so, wives are to submit to their husbands rather than desiring to control them because that's how sin desired came. It wasn't pining for. For Cain's kind romantic interest. Wife submitting to their husbands rather than desiring to control them and husbands not crushing their wives.

Gain when he was told but you must rule over it. To regard to sin. God was not telling Telling Ken that he should lead sin by the word of god that it may thrive as one created co-created and god's image together with him. No, it's the desire to crush.

The one who's trying to control me. Husbands may not do that. Husbands are to love their wives. Christ, loved the church which means giving their wife, the continual beauty treatment of scripture washing. This is how Christ loved the church. Begin with him giving himself up for her on the cross?

Yes, he accomplished secured everything by his giving himself up for her on the cross but that was not the goal. Of Christ's love for the church. The goal of Christ's love for the church is to present her to himself at last perfectly spotless and glorious with his own glory.

And the intervening way in which Jesus loves his church. Is by that sanctifying of the washing, the water. When you think about the goal and the queen, in her spotless garments without any wrinkle in herself without any imperfection that wonderful ark of Christ in the church and the song of songs.

And may God spare us to one another long enough that we get to hear the song of songs preached together. He says, husbands love your wives, just describes to also love the church and gave himself for her that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.

He says don't you see every time Christ and his bride are together. What's he doing? His applying to her. Another beauty treatment. Another cleansing treatment. He's bathing her with his word. Perfecting her a little bit more and a little bit more. Like Esther going through a year of beauty treatments to be prepared for one night of presentation to the king.

And now 2000 years of beauty, treatments and counting The Lord, Jesus bathing his bride sanctifying or getting her ready for the glorious presentation and this is the great way that Jesus Christ loves his bride. It is the love of the cross drawn out. Now not just in justification, but drawn out and applied over and over continually throughout the life in sanctification.

This is how you husbands are to love your wives. And if you aren't giving her, The daily. Continual. Beauty treatment. Of a washing of water with the word. Then you have some work to do. To love your wife as Christ loved the church. You see as much easier to die for someone than it is to live for someone.

But Jesus has given himself for his bride both. And dying for her and always living to intercede for her so that he is able to save her to the uttermost by the power of his indestructible life. And praise God, you don't have to cleanse your wife but the power of your indestructible life because she has him But this is the means.

By which he has given her to have him. And this is the means by which he commands you. To love her. Husbands. Whose number one, priority in giving themselves out of love for their wives, is that their own bride? Sanctifying all of Christ's bride, although he's given you a part in that too.

But your priority for your wife is that your bride will be a spotless member Of Christ's spotless bride in the last day. If the whole brightest spotless, then the member of the bride that is yours. Is to be spotless, too.

This is truly Christian. Christian, marital love. And this is the great thing in Christian merits. There's a field of battle. Upon which God's children walk as light that exposes the darkness. Parenting. Chapter 6, verses, 1 and 4. Not just training children to behave obediently. I know a girl who has done a great job training a dog.

We can't train the dog not to. Cause all kinds of Physical discomfort for those who are allergic to the dog. But you could train the dog to obey. There are people who Know how to train children to obey. Ways of psychological manipulation. Even dreadful ones that are brought into the church.

Once had a church planter come to a presbyterian meeting really proud of the parenting class that he was giving that. Yeah, everyone's horrible at parenting. So Uh, people who are desperate with their little monstrous children. Is a way to collect people. And so he started a parenting class, he had so many people attending his parenting class.

Really, what are you teaching them? When teaching them, how to let their children feel like they're in control when they're actually not. So they instead of telling their children to do something, they'll ask them a question. Like would you rather do it this way or would rather do it this way?

And then the great potentate child dictates to the parent which way they They want the world to operate and Um, And the parent. Like an evil cartoon character, laughs all the way home that they're really controlling the whole thing. It's dreadful. No, the parenting. The goal of parenting is that children would obey their parents in the lord.

He's addressed these children already a saints, the beginning of the book. The the children of christians are called holy even if they're not just the child of one christian parent, they are treated as if both parents were holy. The other parent is considered for the county with respect to the child as if the other parent was holy for the sake of the believing spouse.

And so the christian parenting seeks, not just not just for children to obey their parents, but to obey their parents in the lord and because this is right. I believe, believing parent teaching his child to learn how to live in union with the Lord jesus christ. To learn that the christ upon whom.

They are to depend for all of their rightness before god as the pattern for the rightness of the way that they obey their parents children. Obey your parents in the lord union, with christ for this is right. Sanctification from union with christ.

Children, therefore, who's obedience is in the lord children who are not condemned to that misery of their own wrath. That is the number one way to provoke a child to wrath. Is to teach them to be their own great potentate to think that the whole world, the whole universe should obey them.

And so they fly into a set of rage when their will is crossed. Because for a moment, they've discovered that they are not God. And they need to get back to their delusion. And the common parenting response to that. Now, to try and appease The little Hitler like so many.

Parental chamberlain's.

But they are not god and they will stand before him. And providence will not bend to their will. And they will be full of wrath. If they are not trained to obey. The lord. Certainly a parent. Trying to be his own hitler. His own potentate must not make himself the center of his child's life.

All you do is. Traded them one false god for another. So what's the solution? The solution is an all day. Every day, training of the children in the lord, and instructing of the children and the lord. Yes. The use of the rod has commanded in the bible but not the use of the rod that vents The heart and mind of the parents.

The vast majority or at least later in life. Yeah, children. This part is somewhat up to you. The sooner you, repent of your sin and like hold of christ by faith and and obey your parents, and honor, your father and mother in union with christ and love for the lord and growth and sanctification.

Uh, the the less your life will have corrective discipline. But the goal is that most of life would be formative, discipline, Formative training. Not just the corrective training that we often associate. Uh, with with that word. Well. This too has done by family worship this, we'll see. Lord willing.

When we get to Deuteronomy 6,

A life of parents and children together. The parent being trained and instructed by the lord and the parent bringing the child into the same training because he has been appointed. As a trainer and instructor to his child. Parenting child children together, continually being trained by the lord continuing being admonished.

Instructed by the lord appointed times evening and morning. And then bringing that training and that instruction out into the field. Many of you are familiar with this. You go from the classroom to the lab or you go from. From the the boardroom or the instruction room to the field and even those who are in sports now have their have their Lecture times and then they go out and they do their do their drilling.

God has designed that Deuteronomy 6, doesn't he? In the life of the family when you rise up and when you lay down evenings and mornings designed for that purpose. But then that informs what happens, the conversation and the character of when you're sitting in the house and when you're walking, by the way, So that anybody who pays attention to a house that worships together at the beginning and end of the day and then the rest.

Of the, the life, no matter where they are, or what they're doing is is being instructed and formed by that worship. They would say wow you might as well just slap the the word of god on the on the The doorpost of the house and at the gate of the yard at the gate of the property, Those are Bible people.

Because they are god's people.

A household life, that is a continual training. Especially by the lord's instruction to live out. Our union with christ is a field of battle upon which god's children walk as light that exposes darkness for completeness. And this is more of the Uh, when you're sitting in the house or walking, by the way, But it is not.

The, the congregation and the marriage and the parenting were all places in which the core. Of the activity. Is the means of grace. But it's still the spirit that is taught in. Those means that has taught and net worth. Is applied, isn't it to the workplace which is the final battlefield?

Employee employers and employees doing their work, interacting with others, all as an offering, first of their bodies unto God as a living. Sacrifice and second in treatment of one another, as servants of god. Whether they're in in charge, or whether they're under, The one who's in charge. This too is a field of battle upon which god's children walk is light.

That exposes the darkness. And so note that God's grace, through god's word in god's worship as not just the how of walking as like generally. But in three of the four specific battlefields of the apostle identified, it is right at the heart of what the actual walking looks like.

A congregation whose worship is not full of the word worships as darkness. A marriage that does not have the washing of water with the word at its center, is a marriage in darkness and parenting. That is not word-rich all day, every day training and instruction in living out our union with christ.

In living out our union with christ. Those parenting in darkness. And how many walk now in darkness alas, even within the visible church? But it was not. So from the beginning, And, We'll just read the manuscript. From this point, maybe we will. Common finish in two weeks time. But it was not.

So from the beginning, in the beginning, he who made them male and female had already established patterns for their days activity during the day as he created but an evening leading out of that activity in a morning, bleeding into that activity. And evening time of lying down, which Deuteronomy 6, verse 5, identifies as a, especially for parents, whose hearts throb with love for god, with all the heart.

Soul, mind and strength, and whose hearts are saturated by the word of god, let these words that i commanded you commanded. You today be in your hearts first. For parents whose hearts throb with love for god and whose hearts are saturated by the word of god to teach their children.

The word of god before the face of god. And the morning an evening and a morning, the morning time, the rising up time, Deuteronomy 6:5 identifies, as which Deuteronomy 65 identifies. As especially for parents, whose hearts throb would love for god and use hearts are saturated by the word of god to teach their children.

The word of god before the face of god. And these times of spiritual sacrifice evening and morning provides the material for all their conversation throughout the day. The word of god would inform and direct how they did everything they did with their hands and how they viewed everything. They saw with their eyes, the word of god would define the identity of their home and of their lands evening and morning as worship times for the household, we're established before the existence of the first household.

God did not need evenings and mornings. He created us. To need them. So that we would lie down at the end of every day and rise up at the beginning of every day. It'll be like those engines. All of you extend the life of your cars. Don't take off as soon as you start it.

Give it a chance for the oil to come up out of the pan. Sorry, i said i was just going to read it. Briefly.

Evening morning, as worship times for the household, we're established before the existence of the first household. And they were confirmed. In deuteronomy 6 when god redeemed for himself a people and instructed them in what the life of a redeemed household should look like And in the beginning he who made the male and female gave the husband, the terms of the covenant, before he created the wife who would be his helper in the covenant.

Demonstrating the his design was for the husband to lead to rule and to teach in the home. That as god had loved him with the word. So now adam was to love his wife with the word. Man's failure to follow this arrangement. Was instrumental in our becoming sons of disobedience.

But now recovering god's design for the spiritual life of the household is both the instrument and the substance of how his beloved whom he has redeemed. Walk as children of light. But

there is one day each week upon, which we are to have family worship more. Then just in the evening and in the morning.

The christian household must not forsake, the assembly of the saints, hebrews 10, 25 on that sabbath. Keeping that remains hebrews 4 verse 9, the lord's day upon which the lord jesus gathers, his saints by faith and to heaven. It is there in that assembly that he says of us.

Behold, i and the children whom god has given me. It is there in that assembly in which jesus is among us on earth, and declares god's name to us as his brethren in heaven and sings. God's praise in the midst of our assembly. Hebrews two verse 12, It is that gathering in which having brought us into the holy of holies in heaven, by his flesh and having made us bold even in that place by his blood, those who gather are assured of their cleansing before god in their hearts, by the sacramental application of water.

So their hearts too are sprinkled, clean hoard, clean of an evil conscience, hebrews 10 verses 19 through 23. It is that gathering in which the lord jesus speaks from heaven, that word, which reserves for us, unshakable kingdom, hebrews chapter 12, the most important family worship. Sessions each week are when the christian family is gathered.

In the midst of the congregation for the public worship of god. And this too was something that god showed from the beginning for not only had he established the pattern of evening and morning framing. What a day is. But the first full day of humanity's life was a sabbath day, So, Oh, excuse me.

So god creates Adam and he gives adam the word to give to to his wife. And then he creates the wife to whom he is to give to the word and the day ends and there's an evening. So they have family worship and they lay down, they go to sleep, i don't know why evens tired but Adam's tired.

He had a long day. And they get up in the next morning and they have family worship because they rise up when you rise up. And then the lord gives them, not a work day, but a worship day. Before these creatures would imitate god as they acted upon his creation.

For the six following days of work, god first gave them an entire day of acting upon the creator. Not in the day of work, but in the day of worship, This is the life of the children of god, dear brethren evening and mourning every day and all day on the lord's day.

The household gathered before the face of god, with hearts throbbing with love for god, worshiping by means of the word of god and prayer. This is the duty and the priority and the necessity, the family worship, experiencing our union with him upon his schedule. So that we can express our union with him in the rest of our schedule.

Whatever activities entertainments busyness laziness worldliness is getting in the way of this manage them better or cut them back and if you can't do those two things, throw them out. Whatever must be lost, count it as gain for the treasure of laying hold of gods together as a family in the pattern and the way that his word has established, What use will any of those?

Otherwise lawful activities have been if the so-called children of light walk more according to darkness than according to light when they lie down and when they rise up and all day on the lord's day, do not just read the bible as a family worship god by the reading of the bible.

Do not just pray as a family worship god by your prayer. Do not just sing the word of god as a family worship god by your singing. How will the rest of your family's life be a living before

God's face? If even your family worship is not actually a gathering unto god's face by way of the means of his grace.

Those of you who have family worshiped. And you read and you pray and you're singing. Is your reading and instruction done as worship as the praying being done as worship as the singing being done as worshiped. Because if it's just exercises, Then worship from those times, cannot be brought out into the rest of his life because there was not worship.

This. It's God's way. This was his way before the fall. This was his way for his people in them mosaic administration of the covenant of grace. And now it is his way for you who are under, not a servant in the house. But under jesus christ, god, the son who became a man to be the great high priest over the house.

Jesus christ has made us beloved, children, and right at the heart of walking in love and in light, and in wisdom. Right at the heart of walking as his children. There's family worship. Evening and morning every day. And all day on the lord's day. The household gathered before the face of god.

With heart's, throbbing with the love of god. Worshiping by means. Of the word of god. Be imitators of god as beloved children. And walk in love. That's christ. Also has loved us. And given himself for us and offering and a sacrifice to god. For a sweet smelling aroma. You were once darkness.

But now you are light in the lord. Clock as the children. Of light. Oh man.

Our gracious god and our heavenly Father. We thank you. For the Setting and rising of the sun. Which you gave to rule. Over the day and other lights for the night. That the evenings and mornings that you established before sun and moon and stars. Might be for us. For our loving you, with all our heart soul, mind and strength.

We pray, he would give us your spirit to make us love you. With all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind. And with all our strength, For our having. All of the words of your scripture. On our hearts, we pray for the work of your spirit.

To write your word upon our hearts. For our. Hearts throbbing with your love and saturated with your word. To overflow from our mouths, those words to our children when we lie down. And when we rise up, we pray for the work of your spirit. Keeping us consistent in the pattern that you have established.

And attending the worship of our families. To write that truth. On the children's hearts and

By that. Love the children's hearts. Lord for us, who Have a wife. Give us our god. To give her the continual beauty, treatment anticipating desiring longing for aiming at The day when she will be a spotless member of christ's spotless bride. Make us of congregation. We pray. And we're in which worship.

Has not an expression of ourselves but even that which comes out of us, Expresses, what we are in union with christ. By your word by your spirit. And o, lord, giving us and these Sacred times. To learn. That we might live out. Sacredly. Than the rest of our time.

We pray that you would help us for. We do live in an age of darkness. And age of the wilds of the devil. An age of filthiness and foolishness and drunkenness. Oh, lord. Christ. There's the light of the world. But you have joined us to him by faith. Grant that we too, in union with him would be liked For we ask it in his name.

Amen.