



QUICK REVIEW

In Ephesians 5, after giving us a glorious explanation of our salvation in the earlier chapters, Paul gives us instructions on how to live. In the midst of it, he calls us to make the best use of time. This passage is full of meaning for us as Christians, especially as we understand what Paul means when he says “the days are evil.”

Sermon Outline

-*The Days are Evil* (Eph. 5:16, Gen 47:9, Amos 5:12)

-*Redeeming the Time* (Eph. 5:11-21)

1. Was there anything particular in this passage or sermon that ministered to you?
2. Why do we have such difficulty redeeming the time? What things specifically pull you away from God’s word and prayer and being a light to this lost world?
3. In Genesis 47:9, Jacob calls his 130 years evil. What does he mean, and how do we reconcile this with the blessings God poured out on Jacob’s life?
4. In Eph. 5:18, Paul says not to get drunk with wine. Why does drunkenness and other artificial stimulants contribute to evil days instead of redeeming them? What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. Read Eph 5:19 Why do you think singing is an essential aspect of our life in Christ?
6. Looking back on our lives, we all have wasted significant amounts of time, and those wasted years can often have detrimental consequences. Joel 2:25 says, “I [God] will restore the years the locust had eaten” due to Israel’s sin. What does this mean, and does it give you any encouragement for your wasted years?
7. How would you explain what it means to redeem the time?
8. Read 1 Phil. 3:13, how should this verse instruct us as we move into 2022.