**CHAPTER 5**

*Exhortations to a virtuous life. The mutual duties of man and wife, by the example of Christ, and of the church.*

**1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as most dear children;

**2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness.

**3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints:

**4** Or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose; but rather giving of thanks.

**5** For know you this and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean, or covetous person (which is a serving of idols), hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

**6** Let no man deceive you with vain words. For because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief.

**7** Be ye not therefore partakers with them.

**8** For you were heretofore darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light.

**9** For the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth;

**10** Proving what is well pleasing to God:

**11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

**12** For the things that are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of.

**13** But all things that are reproved, are made manifest by the light; for all that is made manifest is light.

**14** Wherefore he saith: Rise thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead: and Christ shall enlighten thee.

**15** See therefore, brethren, how you walk circumspectly: not as unwise,

**16** But as wise: redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

**17** Wherefore become not unwise, but understanding what is the will of God.

**18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is luxury; but be ye filled with the holy Spirit,

**19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord;

**20** Giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God and the Father:

**21** Being subject one to another, in the fear of Christ.

**22** Let women be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord:

**23** Because the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church. He is the saviour of his body.

**24** Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things.

**25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the church, and delivered himself up for it:

**26** That he might sanctify it, cleansing it by the laver of water in the word of life:

**27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish.

**28** So also ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife, loveth himself.

**29** For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, as also Christ doth the church:

**30** Because we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

**31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be two in one flesh.

**32** This is a great sacrament; but I speak in Christ and in the church.

**33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular love for his wife as himself: and let the wife fear her husband.