





The greatest surprise of life to me is the brevity of life.

- Billy Graham

BE VERY CAREFUL, THEN, HOW YOU LIVE ...

Ephesians 3:1-7

Walk In Love

Ephesians 3:8-14

**Walk In Light** 

Ephesians 3:15-17

Walk In Wisdom



15 Be very careful, then, how you live ...
15 See then that you walk circumspectly ...(NKJV)

Ephesians 5



17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (Ephesians 4)

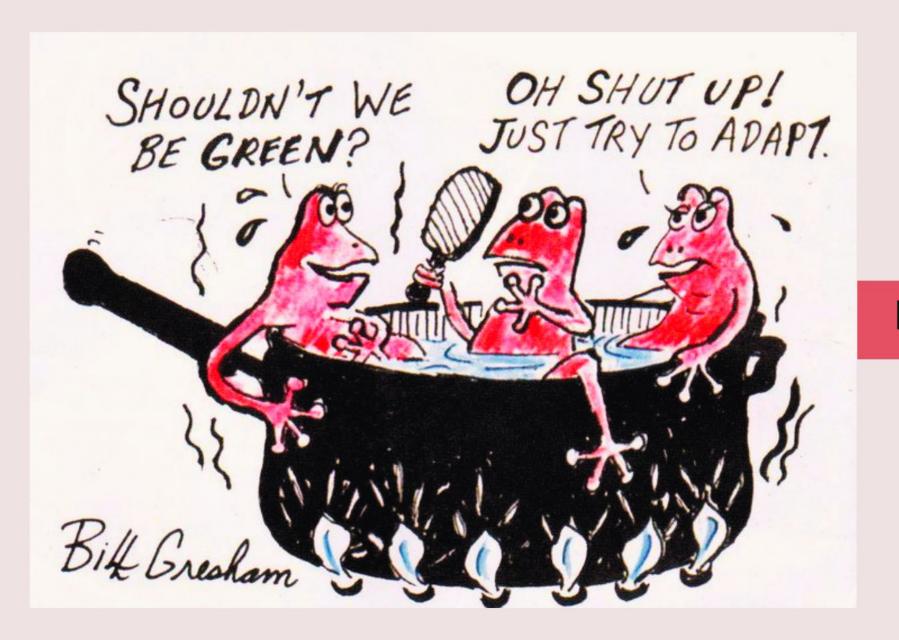
## 16... BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

EPHESIANS 5

13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.







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## REDEEM THE TIME

16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

(Ephesians)

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
(NKJV)



### Greek - exagorazo

The verb translated as "redeeming" shows up in <u>Galatians 3:13</u>, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us." Then, in <u>Galatians 4:5</u> it says that Christ was born under the law "to redeem those under the law." So, looking back at **Ephesians** 5:16, we might say that we are to redeem the time by ransoming it from the clutches of evil. Of course, we don't rescue the days by literally paying some sort of ransom.



### Greek - exagorazo

Rather, when we are careful about how we live, when we use our time wisely rather than foolishly, then we are redeeming time from its diabolic prison. The day before us is held captive by evil. But if we live carefully, if we use well the opportunities given to us, then we can set a bit of time free today. We can ransom it from evil into the goodness of God's kingdom.

(Theology of Work)



# Redeem The Time!

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible - and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

(Ephesians 5)





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**GOODNESS** 

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** 

**TRUTH** 



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"It is even possible for light to turn the thing it shines upon into light also."
(J.B. Phillips)

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

(Colossians 4, NKJV)

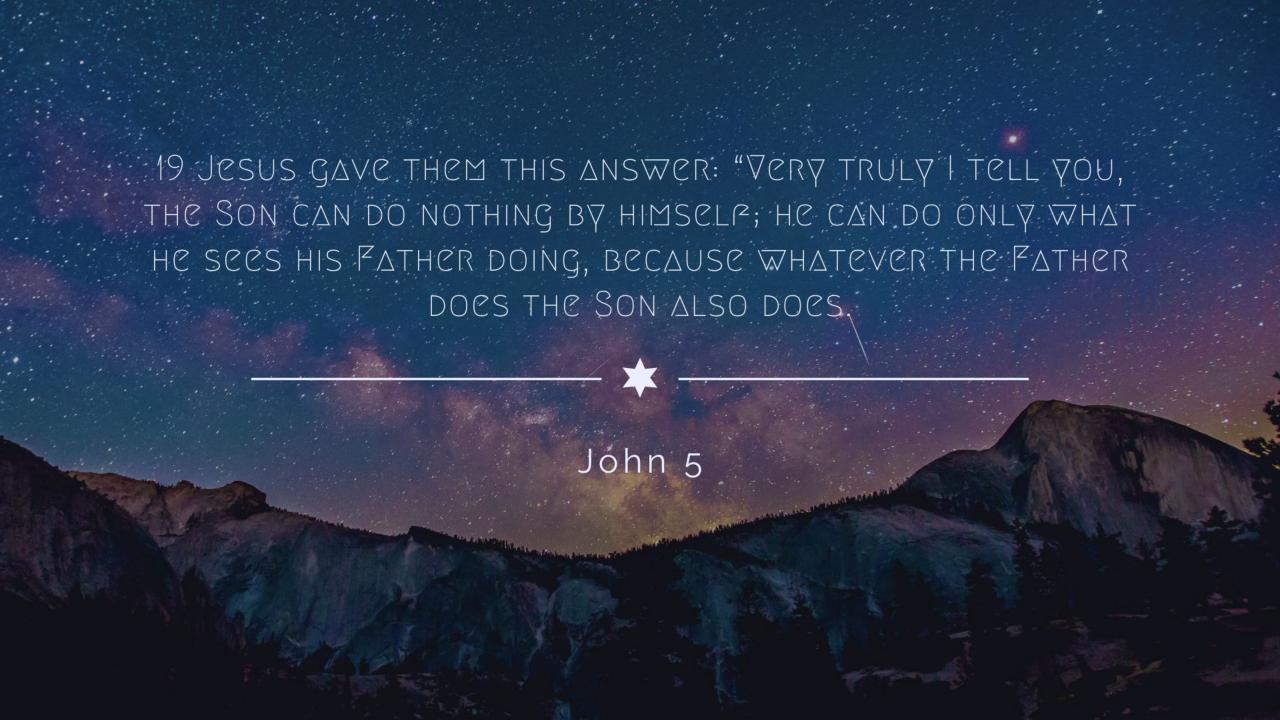


## Do God's Will

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16Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

(Ephesians 5)



# I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



12 So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom. ... 17 May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us the work of our hands; yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Psalm 90

# 15 Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise,

