BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE



Maturity in the Light

Teleios

1. Complete - in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, maturity
2. Completeness - of full age (mature), man, perfect

Col 1:28-29 NASB



We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man m**ature** in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Ephesians 4:12-13



for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **mature** man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

A Pauline Sandwich



Eph 5:1

Ephesians 5:2-6

Ephesians 5:7-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

Ephesians 5:1



Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved Children.

Ephesians 5:2-5



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himself up for us, a fragrant offering and
sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all
impurity or covetousness must not even be
named among you, as is proper among saints. 4
Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor
crude joking, which are out of place, but
instead let there be thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:2-5



5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Ephesians 5:6-14



6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for
because of these things the wrath of God
comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7
Therefore do not become partners with them; 8
for at one time you were darkness, but now
you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of
light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is
good and right and true)

Ephesians 5:6-14



10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the
Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of
darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is
shameful even to speak of the things that they
do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed
by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything
that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Jeremiah 14:12



"When they fast, I am not going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to make an end of them by the sword, famine and pestilence."

Ephesians 5:15-20



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unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of
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Ephesians 5:15-20



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Old Testament ---> New Testament living

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As we mature it is less about rules and move about seeking God's face.

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Rules become warnings

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There is joy in walking in the righteous paths, community, and the spirit

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The shift from consequences to repentance and thanksgiving