

Grateful Submission
Ephesians 5:20-21

1. This text is a part of a section that began in 5:15.
 - a. What is the main command given in 5:15?

 - b. What action does Paul repeat in 4:1, 4:17, 5:1, and 5:15 that help us structure Ephesians 4-6?

 - c. What does Paul pray for in Eph 3:14-19 that helps us fulfill those commands?

2. Thankfulness is the expressions of the Spirit-filled life in 4:20.
 - a. What else does the Bible teach about thankfulness? (see Col 2:7; 3:15-17; 4:2; 1 Thess 5:18; Phil 4:6)

 - b. How often, and for how many things, are we to be thankful?

 - c. How can we be thankful even for the difficult circumstances in our lives?

3. The other expression of the Spirit-filled life is submitting to one another.
 - a. What does it mean to submit to one another? (see Phil 2:1-5; Mk 10:42-45) Does

 - b. Does God give any parameters on our submission to one another, or are we required to submit to each other equally? (see 5:22-6:9; 1 Pet 2:13; 5:5; Rom 13:1-5; 1 Tim 2:11-12)

 - c. Why is the attitude of humility and submission so difficult for Christians, and misunderstood by the world?

4. Submitting to one another is an expression of our ultimate submission to a higher authority.
 - a. What does 5:21 say ought to motivate our submission?

 - b. What does this mean?

 - c. Why is it so essential for Christians to grasp this, and how can we encourage others to yield themselves to it?

5. Thankfulness for everything and submission to one another out of reverence for Christ are fundamental attitudes.
 - a. How can we cultivate greater thankfulness in our hearts?

 - b. What keeps us from obeying the command to submit to one another, and how do we grow in that area?

 - c. How will this message help you pray for yourself and SNCCC?