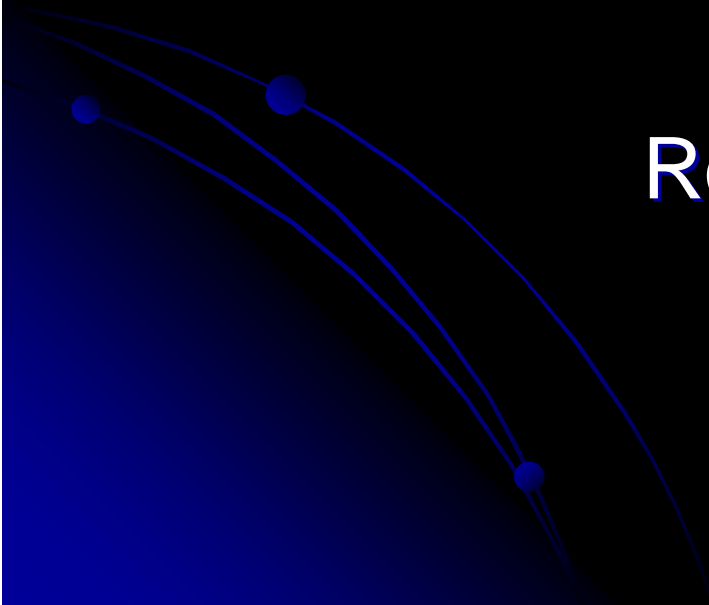


Walk Circumspectly

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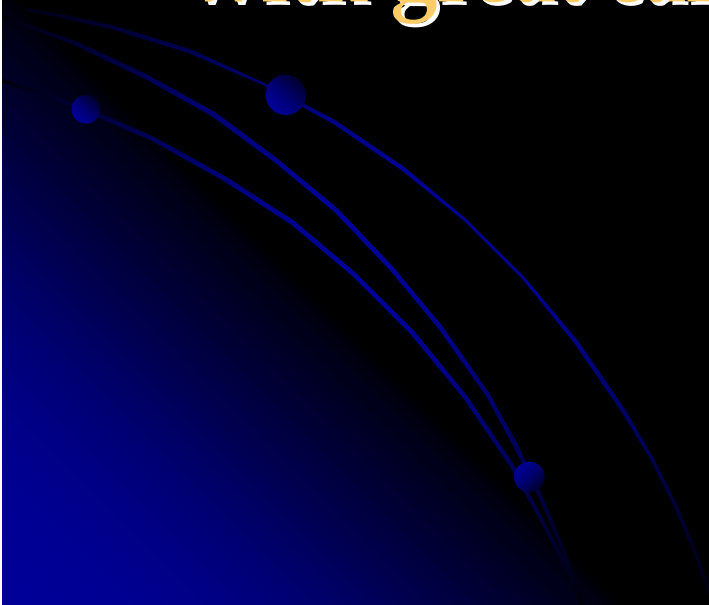
The Christian's Walk

- A “worthy walk” (Eph. 4:1)
- A “walk in good works” (Eph. 2:10)
- A walk not as the world (Eph. 4:17)
- A walk in love (Eph. 5:2)
- A walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8)
- And tonight, we are to walk
circumspectly (Eph. 5:15)

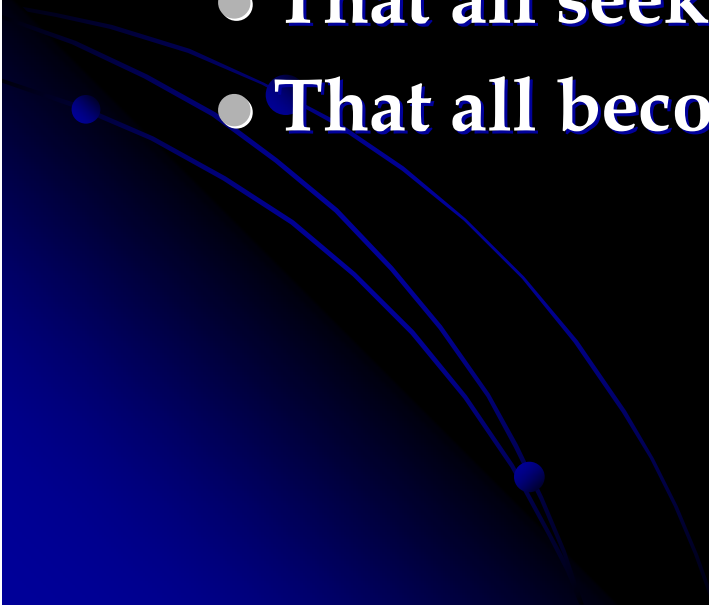
We Are To Walk Not As Fools

- **A “fool” is one who:**
 - “Says in his heart there is no God” (Psa. 14:1)
 - Is “morally corrupt doing abominable deeds” (Psa. 14:1)
 - Sets himself up as his own god and, “Mock at sin” (Prov. 14:9)
 - Lacks wisdom (Prov. 1:7)

We Are To Walk Circumspectly.

- The word “*circumspectly*” means, “*accurately, exactly, and diligently*” and carries with it the idea of: **looking, examining and investigating something with great care.**
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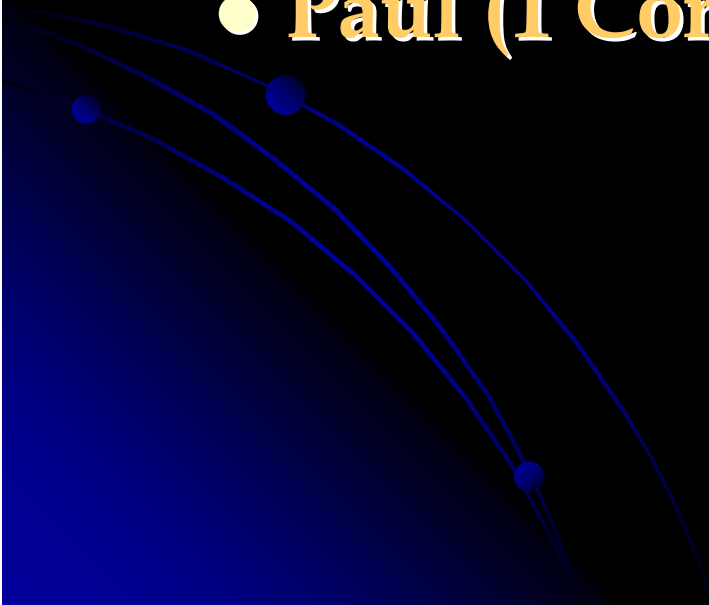
Walking Circumspectly Involves

- Redeeming the time (v. 16)
 - Understanding the will of the Lord (v. 17)
 - That all might come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9)
 - That all seek those things above (Col. 3:1-4)
 - That all become like Christ (Rom. 8:28-30)
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Walking Circumspectly Involves

- **Not drunk with wine; but filled with the Spirit (v. 18)**
 - **Every picture of drunkenness in the Bible is a picture of sin and disaster**
 - Noah
 - Lot's daughters
 - Belshazzar
 - Herod

Don't be Drunk with wine

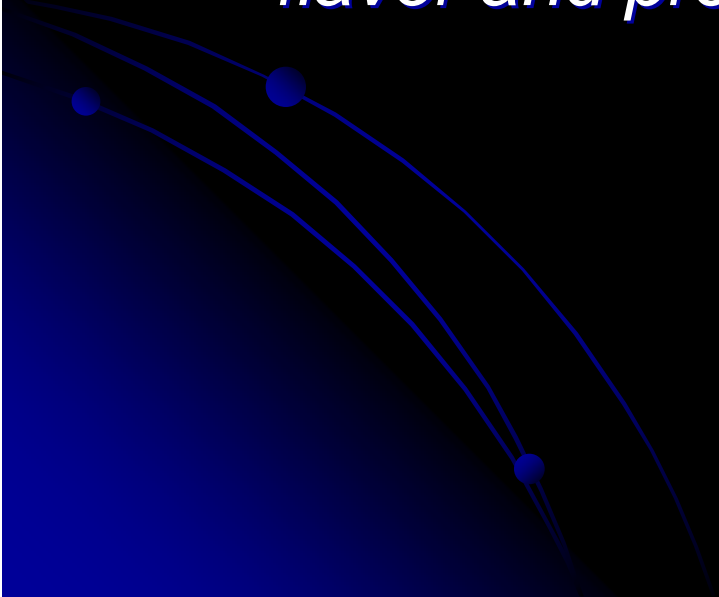
- **Proverb's warnings (23:19-21; 29-39)**
 - **Isaiah warned (Isa. 5:11)**
 - **Peter told believers (1 Pet. 4:3)**
 - **Paul (1 Cor. 11:20-21)**
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Be Filled with the Spirit

- **To be “filled” is to be under the control of**
 - *Pleōroō* “was often used of the wind filling a sail and thereby carrying the ship along. To be filled with the Spirit is to be moved along in our Christian life by God Himself”

Be Filled with the Spirit

- **To be “filled” is to be under the control of**
 - *pleōroō* carries the idea of permeation, and was used of salt’s permeating meat in order to flavor and preserve it



Be Filled with the Spirit

- **To be “filled” is to be under the control of**
 - *pleōroō* has the connotation of total control. The person who is filled with sorrow (John 16:6) is no longer under his own control but is totally under the control of that emotion.
 - In the same way, someone who is filled with fear (Luke 5:26), anger (Luke 6:11), faith (Acts 6:5), or even Satan (Acts 5:3) is no longer under his own control but under the total control of that which dominates him

How Can We be filled?

- We must get rid of “self” (Matt. 16:24; Jno. 3:30)
 - By letting the “Word of Christ” permeate and govern our lives (Col. 3:16-17)
 - By being transformed into His likeness (2 Cor. 3:18)
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