

Walk in Love, Walk as Light // Part Two

Ephesians 5:5-14

Main Idea

God's love and light lead us away from impurity and transform us to reflect His light and love to others.

- God will judge people who take greed and immorality lightly by how they live or what they teach. – v 5-8
- **As children and imitators of God, we should walk in love and light in:** _____, Goodness, Justice, Truth – v 8-9
- Rather than living by our own standards, we are to “try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.” – v 10
- Jesus brings light and new life to people lost in darkness – v 11-14
- Shine the transforming light of Christ (Expose the works of darkness)
- Confess and forsake sin (Truth): Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9
- Counsel sinners to Christ (Goodness): Colossians 1:28
- Confront sin in the church & world (Justice): Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:20; Isaiah 58:6

Implication

- God has changed us from Darkness to Light, so we must turn from _____ to _____.
- Those who step into Jesus's light not only see clearly (conviction); they become beacons through whom that same light reaches others (commission).

Application

- Evaluate your behavior (thoughts, speech, actions, and the entertainment you consume) based on God's standards described in this passage.
- Avoid media that portrays sex or the body in an ungodly manner. Treat sex and the body with honor.
- Let Jesus's love and light expose your sin and transform you to reflect His light and love to others.

Discussion

- How should we understand and apply the stern warning in verses 5-8?
- The passage tells us to walk as children of light (v 8). Our identity as God's children is to define and determine how we live. What does this mean for us practically?
- What does it mean to “try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord”? (v 10) How can we do this in our daily lives?
- Why do you think the works of darkness are described as “unfruitful”? v 11 (See Romans 6:21)
- How have you seen Jesus's transforming light at work in your life? How can you live daily in Jesus's transforming light? v 6-14
- How can you shine Jesus's transforming light (expose the works of darkness)? v 11-14