

Ephesians Part 13:
Walk as Children of Light Part 2
Ephesians 5:6-14



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it becomes visible,*

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Introduction: Who are you? (6-8)

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"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Genesis 3:1

- Satan will always try to *challenge* and twist God's Word.
- You must not continue participating in sin
 - Today's message will explain why you must not continue in sin, because of your new identity in Christ

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1. Your Identity in Jesus is Light (8a)

⁸ *for at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.*

- a. Your new identity is now light in the Lord
 - If you have trusted in Christ, that is who you are!
- b. Remind yourself of your new identity!

Q: *Who am I?*

A: *I am a child of light, created to be like God in true
righteousness and holiness (Eph. 4:24, 5:8)*

2. Walk as Children of Light (8b-10)

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- a. *Walk as children of light*
 - Live your life out of your new identity as light in Christ
 - Your old identity of darkness is no more
- b. The fruit of light (the good, right, and true things light produces)
 - Instead of falsehood, you now produce truth (Eph. 4:25)
 - Instead of theft, you now work to have enough to share with others (Eph. 4:28)
 - Instead of talk that tears others down, you now speak in ways that build others up (Eph. 4:29-30)
 - Instead of rage, malice and uncontrolled anger, you now are kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to others (Eph. 4:31-32)
 - Instead of lust and sex with someone who is not your husband or wife (and thus is not yours to have), you now express sacrificial love as Christ has done for you (Eph. 5:2-3)
 - Instead of obscenity and sexual innuendo, you now express thanksgiving for all that God has given you (Eph. 5:4)

c. *Try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord*

Q: How can I discern what is pleasing to the Lord?

A: Get to know God better by:

- 1) Reading your Bible regularly, looking to obey
- 2) Praying to the Lord daily, asking Him for wisdom
- 3) Listening to God's Spirit inside of you
- 4) Listening to your conscience
- 5) Seeking counsel from wise believers

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3. Expose Darkness with Light (11-13)

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a. *Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness*

- You are meant to produce the fruit of light, not the fruitlessness of darkness

b. *Expose the unfruitful works of darkness with light*

- You are called to expose darkness with light
 - The Light of Jesus
 - The Light of your life in Jesus
 - The fruit of light in Ephesians (See 2b above for a list of fruit of light)

4. Wake Up to the Light of Jesus! (14)

Therefore it says,

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a. This verse describes a person dead in sin becoming alive in Christ

- *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Eph. 2:4-6*

Will you receive salvation in Jesus: a free gift of God, by faith?

- *Believe in Jesus, and His death and resurrection*
- *Repent of your sin and place your trust in Jesus*
- *Commit to Jesus as Lord of your life*

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians.4:6

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Your Response

1. Ask God to remind you of your identity as light in Christ. Pray and read His Word to help in the process! Repent of any sin in your life.

2. **Will you receive salvation in Jesus: a free gift of God, by faith?**

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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Questions for Reflection

1. Satan will try to deceive you by twisting God's Word. How does he do this in our world today? (See today's introduction)
2. Your behavior flows out of your identity as light in Christ. What does this mean?
3. Do you see the fruit of light in your life (See point 2b for examples)? What fruit would you like to ask God for in your life?
4. Have you responded to the God's grace in faith and repentance, trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins, and eternal life? Why not do so today? See Your Response Point 2 above on this page.

2 Cor. 6:2b *now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*