

EPH. 5:1-20 WALK AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT**Ephesians 5:1-20 (KJV)**

- <sup>1</sup> Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
- <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. <sup>3</sup> But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; <sup>4</sup> Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup> For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- <sup>6</sup> Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
- <sup>8</sup> For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
- <sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
- <sup>10</sup> Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. <sup>12</sup> For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. <sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; <sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- <sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

SOMETIMES WE FORGET HOW POWERFUL THE CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE IS.  
 WE DON'T NEED A PROGRAM TO WALK IN LOVE... TO WALK IN THE LIGHT.  
 PAUL ADMONISHES US TO FORSAKE THE SINFUL LIFESTYLE.. AND WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

**Ephesians 5:7-11 (KJV)**

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HOW DO YOU EXPEL THE DARKNESS? SIMPLY TURN ON THE LIGHT!!  
 WE ARE CALLED TO LET OUR LIGHT SHINE!!

**Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)**

- <sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- <sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

WE ARE VERY BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A VISIBLE LOCATION. THERE IS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR CHURCH LOCATON. THAT IS: WE SHOULD BE A SHINING LIGHT OF CHRIST EVERYWHERE WE GO. WE SHOULD BE A VISIBLE LIGHT A VISIBLE TESTIMONY OF THE SALVATION AND GRACE OF GOD!!

**Isaiah 8:18** Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.  
ISRAEL IS THE GREATEST PROPHETIC TESTIMONY TO THE NATURAL WORLD.  
GOD'S PEOPLE (NT CHURCH) SHOULD BE THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL TESTIMONY.

THE DARKER THE WORLD GETS ... THE BRIGHTER THE LIGHT SHINES!!

**Philippians 2:15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

THE LIGHT OF GOD IS A POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST DARKNESS.

**Romans 13:12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.  
AGAIN CAST OFF THE DARKNESS.. PUT ON THE LIGHT!!

MANY TIMES THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT DARKNESS AND LIGHT...

A TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE IS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE OF THAT OF A CHILD OF DARKNESS... WE LOOK DIFFERENT, WE ACT DIFFERENT, WE DRESS DIFFERENT, WE LIVE DFFERENT!! THE CONTRAST IS AS EVIDENT AS DAY AND NIGHT!!

WHILE WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT BEING DIFFERENT... MANY PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING FOR ~~SOMETHING~~ DIFFERENT!! HOW WILL THEY FIND IT?  
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!

### **1 John 1:5-7 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

### **Ephesians 5:15-18 (KJV)**

<sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.  
<sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.  
<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

WE WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY.. WE ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND US!!  
(THERE IS NO REWARD FOR IGNORANCE) PAUL TELL US TO REDEEM THE TIME...

**John 9:4-5** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

WHILE WE ARE STILL HERE .. WE MUST LET OUR LIGHT SHINE .. DO THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT US!!  
BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRT.. LET THE SPIRIT OF GOD GOVERN OUR LIVES!!