

# Walking in the Light

Ephesians 5:8-14

# I. The Nature of Believers

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- Apostle Paul is contrasting Light and Darkness of the Believer and Unbeliever
- The word is true, holy and will illuminate the path to the Father
- Psalms 119:105 *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”*
- **1 Peter 2:9** <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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- Light and darkness cannot coexist
- **1 John 2:8-11** <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in the darkness until now. <sup>10</sup> The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup> But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- **Psalms 56:13** <sup>13</sup> For You delivered me from death, even my feet from stumbling, to walk before God in the light of life.

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- **Psalm 43:3** <sup>3</sup> Send Your light and Your truth; let them lead me. Let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to Your dwelling place.
- **Psalm 27:1** <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom should I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom should I be afraid?

## II. Bearing the Fruit of the Light

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- Some of the better Greek manuscripts have “*the fruit of the Light*” in this verse as opposed to “*fruit of the Spirit*” as in the Authorized Version
- Goodness, righteousness, and truth are the characteristics of the fruit of the Light.
- **Galatians 5:22** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self control”
- These characteristics are all signs that the believer is filled with the Spirit

# III. Know what is Acceptable

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- **1 John 1:5** <sup>5</sup> Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him.
- We have a helper in the Holy Spirit
- We must yield to what the Spirit is calling us to do **Galatians 5:25** <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit.
- **Romans 12:2** <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
- Will be a noticeable change within their lifestyle
- It is the responsibility of every believer to find what is pleasing to Jesus

John MacArthur poses several questions that are really very relevant to a number of circumstances.

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- 1. Is it the same today as it was in Bible times?
- 2. Is it necessary?
- 3. Is it the best choice?
- 4. Is it habit forming?
- 5. Is it potentially destructive?
- 6. Is it offensive to others, particularly Christians?
- 7. Will it harm my testimony?
- 8. Is it right?

**Being in the Light Involves Constantly Testing Ourselves.**

# IV. Reveal & Expose the Darkness

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- **John 3:20-21** <sup>20</sup> For everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed.  
<sup>21</sup> But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.”
- The verb expose is translated from the word *elegchō* which can mean reproof, correction, punishment, or discipline.
- We should instead set the example
- No matter how prepared we are, how much training we have, and how much protection we have, there is always a danger of being exposed to sin.
- Not a command for us to never have any contact with those who are unbelievers but rather a command to not be a part of their lifestyle

# V. Awaken the Sleeping

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- This verse may be adapted from **Isaiah 60:1** “*that the glory of the Lord that has risen*”, *is none other than Jesus Christ, the Messiah for whom and in whom Isaiah and every other godly Jew so longed hoped.*”
- Is a wake-up call to the believers to be aware of their surroundings
- Can serve as a call to the unbelievers to turn their backs on the darkness, arise in the light and allow Jesus to show them the way to God