

EPHESIANS 5:6-14

LESSON 31

Walk As Children of Light

1. Ephesians 5:6-7 – The Vain Deception

- a. The lie about grace is that God does not care about sin -he ignores it - It doesn't matter.
 - i. It is because of sin Christ died, and God's wrath comes – Rom 1:18, John 3:36
 - ii. The difference between us is merely grace and faith – Christ in us – Eph 2:2-5
- b. Vain words like “God will not judge”, “no one sees”, “just live life” –Mal 3:14,17,Eze 8:12
 - i. Vain because they know not what God is doing: sin (and grace) is for a season
- c. “*with them*” – the bad works, the wrong heart, the vain people. We are not them.
- d. Not partaking requires separation, avoiding, saying no–2Th 3:6,1Ti 1:20,6:5;2Ti 2:19,3:5
 - i. Your brothers/union/fellowship affect your ministry - 1Co 5:9-11; 2Co 6:3,14-17

2. Ephesians 5:8-10 – Walking as Children of Light

- a. “*sometimes darkness*” – You were dead, , dark- Titus 3:3-5
- b. “*in the Lord*” – The Lord is light - John 1:7-9, 8:12, 2 Cor 4:4-6
 - i. God's word is light – Ps 119:130, the law – Prov 6:23; Israel – Isa 60:3, Mt 5:14
 - ii. The lights in the Bible must be discerned, Satan is a minister of light - 2Cor 11:14
 - iii. “*as children of light*” – You are light acc. to the mystery, as the body of Christ
- c. 5:8 - Walk according to who you are – 1 Th 5:1-10 (you in Christ)
- d. 5:9 – Walk in the Spirit – “walking” produces godly fruit – Gal 5:16-25 (from the heart)
- e. 5:10 – Prove what is acceptable – something you do (duty/behavior) 2Ti 2:15, 2Cor 6:4
 - i. There are things unacceptable, unbecoming, unenlightened, ungodly

3. Ephesians 5:11-14 – The Work of Light

- a. Ch. 5 How to deal with sin in the grace life → 1) stop it, 2) avoid it, 3) reprove it.
- b. “*rather reprove*” – to blame, charge with a fault, to reprehend
- c. Works of darkness = no fruit, unprofitable → Rom 6:21-23 – light is fruitful, profitable
- d. The profitable works of light can be found in Christ and in Scripture - 2 Tim 3:16
- e. Light makes manifest & clear, plain; gives life and truth; dispels and reproves darkness
- f. Light can sting the eyes, make the teeth gnash, causes people to recoil, cover up
- g. Light also causes people to see, know, understand, discern, do good without fear
- h. Shameful speech is now every day – coming out of the closet with sin is shameful.
- i. When it is not seen for what it is, there is not enough light.
- j. It is trendy now to be “woke” – aware of certain issues. Paul says...
- k. Wake up! You are alive in Christ; you are children of light, walk in the truth!