

## Be A Living Light

Ephesians 5:8-14

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### I. The Contrast that Exists (v. 8)

- A. The darkness of our old self
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  - 2. Our former self was an existence of darkness awaiting God's wrath (Eph 5:6)
- B. Spiritual darkness has 4 Basic Characteristics
  - 1. It is the work of Satan (John 8:44)
  - 2. It is the domain of Satan (Colossians 1:13)
  - 3. It brings God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3, 1:18; 5:6)
  - 4. It leads ultimately to hell (Matt 8:11; 1 Samuel 2:9)
- C. Who We Are in Christ
  - 1. We are a reflection of our Lord (Matt 5:14)
  - 2. We are not only to reflect, but also walk in and produce light

### II. The Characteristics of One Walking in the light (v. 9-10)

- A. We are to exhibit goodness
  - 1. Moral excellence
  - 2. Concern for the goodness of and in others
- B. We are to possess and pick up righteousness
  - 1. Describes how we are to live (Romans 6:13)
  - 2. Describes what we are to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11)
  - 3. Righteous is an indicator of a genuine conversion (1 John 2:29)
- C. Live in and seek out real truth
  - 1. Live life honestly
  - 2. Live life with integrity (Proverbs 20:7)
- D. Our duty is to reflect and please the Lord (Romans 12:1-2)

### III. The Command, Commission and Call Concerning Living in the Light

- A. Our command concerning darkness (v. 11a)
  - 1. We are not to attempt to identify with wickedness
  - 2. We are to avoid church members who openly (1 Cor 5:9-11)
- B. Our commission regarding living in the light (v. 11b-13)
  - 1. Our silence must at times give way to open rebuke (Matt 18:15-17)
  - 2. Love must expose and oppose sin (1 Cor 13:5-6)
  - 3. Our tolerance of sin reveals our seriousness concerning sin
- C. The Gospel call of the Light (v. 14)
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