

Light and Darkness Notes

Ephesians 5:1-14

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Main Point: As followers of Christ, we must love like Christ, so we light up the world.

Six Signs of God at Work

1. Conviction of sin among believers
2. Heightened desire for spiritual disciplines.
3. Missionary fervor and purpose.
4. Ground zero for apologetics.
5. Increase in conversions.
6. Beautified church.

_____ God (vs. 1)

1. This is a command for us “to _____” God (3 John 11:1).
2. We are called, “beloved children,” which shows God’s tender _____ for those in His family.
3. We are to look like and act like God because He is our _____, and it is natural for children to imitate their parents.

_____ Like Christ (vs. 2)

1. The word “walk” refers to our _____ and implies a steady step-by-step process (John 13:34).
2. Jesus offered Himself “for us” meaning He died in our place, as our _____.
3. We’re to give ourselves to others, putting them first, in a self-_____ way.
4. Our love is to be _____, undeserved, and unending.
5. God’s love is _____, caring, committed, conspicuous, and consecrating.

Leave What is _____ (vs. 3)

1. Ephesians was written to Christians who came to Christ while living in the sinful seaport of Ephesus, a hotbed of _____ and sexual decadence.
2. Paul consistently held up the standard of _____ in an impure world (Romans 1, 13; 1 Corinthians 5, 6, 7, 10; 2 Corinthians 6, 7, 12; Galatians 5; Ephesians 4, 5; Colossians 3; 1 Thessalonians 4; 1 Timothy 1, 3, 4, 5; 2 Timothy 3, and Titus 1, 2, 3).
3. True love is marked by what it _____, now what it gains.
4. Sins mentioned in verse 3.
 - Sexual immorality – includes all _____ of sexual sin, including incest, premarital sex, fornication, adultery, bestiality, and homosexuality (1 Thessalonians 4:3).
 - Impurity – refers to what is “dirty, corrupt, rotten, filthy, or lewd” and was used of the pus around an infected wound (1 Thessalonians 4:7).
 - Covetousness – Coveting refers to “a _____ desire to have more, particularly that which does not belong to you.” In context, it means “greed for someone else’s body.”
5. The idea is there should not even be a _____ of unholy behavior.
6. To be morally pure, we must fight for purity by _____ our thought life and restricting the kinds of media we expose ourselves to.
7. Three sins of speech (vs. 4).

- Filthiness – refers to _____ talk or shameful conduct, often considered to be crude or dirty language.
 - Foolish talk – speaks of _____ or vain language. It’s the idea of talking without saying anything (Proverbs 17:28).
 - Crude joking – often witty, but _____.
 - It is always _____ to joke about sin.
8. Becoming a _____ person is a way to stop sinning sexually and with our speech.
 9. Thankfulness is the appropriate response to the good gifts of God and all He has given us by His grace.
 10. In Romans 1:21, Paul explains how the root of sexual deviance is linked to _____ God coupled with a refusal to be thankful.
 11. Those who imbibe in immorality as a way of life have _____ inheritance in the kingdom (Ephesians 5:5-6).
 12. While Christians may fall into these sins, true Christians will not _____ in them.
 13. Just as love is an indication of a transformed life, a lack of love is evidence of an _____ life.
 14. Don’t allow our culture’s definition of love to give you an excuse to participate in sex outside of marriage.

Up Your World (vs 8-9)

1. Notice, it doesn’t say we were in darkness, but that we were darkness _____ (Colossians 1:13, 1 Peter 2:9).
2. We do more than reflect the Lord’s light, this passage says we _____ light ourselves (Matthew 13:43).
3. The way to walk as a child of light is by learning what is _____ to the Lord.
4. Instead of doing what we want, we must ask, “What does the Lord want in this situation? (Ephesians 5:10)
5. To “discern” means, “to _____ out, to distinguish” (Philippians 1:10, Romans 12:2).
6. Light has a way of revealing what darkness wants to _____.
7. Three ways we expose deeds of darkness.
 - Indirectly by living _____ lives (1 Peter 4:3-4).
 - Directly by speaking the truth in _____ (Ephesians 4:15).
 - By not _____ dark things in detail (Ephesians 5:12).
8. When we walk in the light, it makes the evil of the world around us _____ to see.
9. The last part of verse 14 is a call for sleepy Christians to _____ up (Isaiah 52:1, 60:1, Romans 13:11).
10. If we hope to shine, we must spend _____ with the Savior, who is the light of the world (Psalm 34:5, 2 Corinthians 13:5).