

Walk as Children of Light

Letting Christ Shine So You Are Not Deceived by Empty Words

EPHESIANS 5:3-14

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Ephesians 5:7-10: **Walk as children of Light** trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

- 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them
- 8 For You were formerly darkness,
but now you are Light in the Lord;
walk as children of Light
- 9 (for the fruit of the Light consists
in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
- 10 **trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord**

This is ongoing learning, not a passive, learned-quickly list simply applied.

The need is living in Christ, wisdom and discernment, seeing with Christ's eyes.

Ephesians 5:6, 3-5: **Let no one deceive you with empty words** for immorality, impurity and greed are idolatrous, unfruitful and worthy of God's wrath.

- 6 **Let no one deceive you with empty words,**
for because of these things
The wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience
- 3 But **immorality** [*porneia*], or **any impurity** (*akatharsia*) or **greed** (*pleonexia*)
Must not even be named among you
As is proper among saints.
- 4 And there must be no filthiness (*aischrotis*) and silly talk (*morologia*), or coarse jesting (*eutrapelia*)
which are not fitting
but rather giving of thanks
- 5 For this you know with certainty:
that **no** immoral (*pornos*), impure (*akathartos*), covetous man (*pleonextes*)
Who is an **idolater** (*eidololatres*) [These are the "sons of disobedience" 5:6]
Has a place
In the Kingdom of Christ and God.

C.S. Lewis: The monstrosity of sexual intercourse outside of marriage is that those who indulge in it are trying to isolate one kind of union (the physical) from all the other kinds of union which were intended to go along with it and make up the total union. The Christian attitude does not mean that there is anything wrong about sexual pleasure, any more than about the pleasure of eating. It means that you must not isolate that pleasure and try to get it by itself any more than you ought to try to get the pleasures of taste without the swallowing and digesting, by chewing things and spitting them out again.

Ephesians 5:11-14: Let Christ Shine as you participate in the Life of Light, exposing the empty deeds of darkness as fruitless and given over to God's wrath.

11 **Therefore do not participate** in the **unfruitful deeds of darkness**,
but instead **expose them**

12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things
which are done by them in secret.

13 But all things become visible
when they are exposed by the light
For everything that becomes visible is light.

14 For this reason it says,
Awake sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.

John 3:19–21 (NASB95)

¹⁹ “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

Colossians 1:11–14 (ESV)

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

2 Corinthians 4:5–6 (NASB95)

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

1 John 1:5–7 (NASB95)

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the

darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.