



Ephesians 5:11-13

Light Exposes Shameful Secrets

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Exposing Deeds of Darkness

Ephesians 5:11 (NASB)

Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even **expose** them;

- There are two imperatives: “do not participate” and “expose”
- “But instead” implies the “necessary alternative”
- “Expose” could be “rebuke” or “reprove”

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Shameful Secrets

Ephesians 5:12 (NASB)

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

- “Things done in secret” is parallel to “deeds of darkness”
- “Secret,” shameful behavior cannot be tolerated among Christians
- Many religious activities were shameful

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True Light Exposes Reality

Ephesians 5:13 (NASB)

But all things become visible when they are **exposed by the light**, for everything that becomes visible is light.

- The Incarnate Christ brought true light: John 12:45-48
- Light exposes deeds of darkness

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Implications and Applications

- We must turn from dark secrets and walk in God's light
- God speaks clearly and objectively, not obscurely and secretly
- God calls all to come to the light through Messianic salvation

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The Occult Must Be Rejected

Acts 19:18-19 (NASB)

Many also of those who had believed kept coming, **confessing and disclosing their practices**. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

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The Creator Has Spoken

Isaiah 45:18-19 (NASB)

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else. **I have not spoken in secret**, In some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek Me in a waste place'; **I, the LORD, speak righteousness**, Declaring things that are upright."

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Only God Can Save

Isaiah 45:20-21 (NASB)

"Gather yourselves and come; Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations; They have no knowledge, Who carry about their wooden idol And pray to a god who cannot save. Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? **And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior**; There is none except Me."

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Do We Love Light or Darkness?

John 3:19, 20 (NASB)

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. **For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.**

Walk in the Light

John 8:12 (NASB)

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, **"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness,** but will have the Light of life."