



## Outline - Sunday, June 10, 2018

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**Sermon Title:** Walk as Children of Light “The Honorable Mission of Christ’s Church”

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 5:1-14

**Context:**

- The Divine Mandate (v1)
- The Gospel Pattern (v2)
- A Serious Admonition (vv3-6)
- A Necessary Separation (v7)

### **5 Honorable Realities of the Church’s Mission**

#### **1. The Grounds (v8a): A Radical Transformation**

- a) Consider your past condition: “you were” – Eph 4:18-19; 2:1-3; 5:11
- b) Consider the present contrast: “but now” – Eph 2:13, 19/Matt 5:14-16
- c) Confessing the simplicity of the gospel: “in the Lord” – Eph 1:3-5/John 8:12/2 Cor 4:3-11/  
John 1:4-5/Matt 6:22-23/1 John 4:13-17

#### **2. The Command (v8b): An Honorable Lifestyle**

- a) We live *by* the Light, Who is God our Father – 1 John 1:5/1 Tim 6:16/2 Cor 5:17/James 1:17-18
- b) We live *in* the Light, as followers of Christ – believing – John 12:35-36/ confessing – 1 John 1:6-7
- c) We live *through* the Light, empowered by the Spirit – 2 Peter 1:2-4

#### **3. The Means (v9): A Fruitful Nature**

- a) The Spiritual Reality/ Essence: The Spirit – Col 1:9-13/Phil 2:12-13, 15-16
- b) The Spiritual Result/Evidence: Fruit – Matt 7:21-23/John 15:4-5  
“goodness” – Gal 5:22; “righteousness” – Rom 8:10; “truth” – John 4:23; 14:16-17; 15:26

#### 4. **The Mission (vv10-13): A Spiritual Illumination**

- a) “Proving” = approve, deem worthy – Rom 12:1-2; 1:28
- b) “Reproving” = convict, refute, correct, admonish – John 16:8/ Titus 1:9/Rom 13:12
- c) “Manifesting” = reveal, expose – 1 John 2:19/John 3:19-21

#### 5. **The Grace (v14): An Effectual Call**

- a) The Call: Commands, Convicts, and Converts – Is 29:1; 60:1; 52:1; 51:17
- b) The Promise: Matt 4:16/Luke 1:79