

LIVING IN THE LIGHT (Part 1) Ephesians 5:8-10

I. The Contrast of Living in the Light (8a-b).

A. Before Christ we were in darkness (8a).

John 3:19: And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

John 8:12: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness,** but have the light of life."

1 John 1:5: This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, **that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.**

B. Because of Christ we are in the light (8b).

Matthew 5:14: **You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of **Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

1 Thessalonians 5:5: **You are all sons of light and sons of the day.** We are not of the night nor of darkness.

II. The Call to Living in the Light (8c).

Matthew 5:16: **Let your light so shine before men,** that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Romans 13:12: The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, **and let us put on the armor of light.**

III. The Characteristics of Living in the Light (9-10).

Galatians 6:9-10: And let us not grow weary **while doing good,** for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all,** especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 John 3:7: Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

1 John 1:6: If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie **and do not practice the truth.**