

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"Walking In The Light"
Ephesians 5:3-14
Study-17

Ephesians 5:8 – "Light" – "truth, the light of reason, light of holiness morally,"
Psalm 36:9.

"Darkness" – "ignorance, morally evil, falsehood, deception, spiritual evil, the state of the world under Satan's sway since the fall."

Matthew 5:14-16

Ephesians 4:17– 5:17 – "Walking In Holiness"

Thought Of The Passage: "The New Life Within The Believer Is Displayed Through Walking In The Light, Which Exposes The Darkness."

1. Verses 3-4 – A Walk We Should Avoid

2. Verses 5-6 – A Walk That Brings Judgment

3. Verses 7-14 – A Walk That Is Fruitful

1. Verses 3-4 – A Walk We Should Avoid:

Ephesians 5:3 – "But" – Context: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 – Paul spoke about walking in Holiness/Purity; warned against "5 specific areas of sin:" Lying, Anger, Stealing, Speech, and Attitude.

Ephesians 5:1-2

"Darkness" – falsehood, deception; takes God's truth and perverts it. It twists it; puts just enough truth so that one will swallow the lie!

Ephesians 5:3 – "immorality" – Greek word "porneia" by which we get the word "pornography;" KJV – fornication, "illicit sexual intercourse;" those engaged in sexual activities before marriage. Immorality or fornication covers all sexual relations outside of marriage.

Matthew 5:27-28

What society calls love today, God would define as lust!

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

1 Thessalonians 4:6 – "transgress" – to step over, beyond; do wrong, sin, crossing a known boundary.

“and defraud” – “to gain or take advantage of another” We can call it love, but it is called by God, sin, and take advantage of.

“impurity” – KJV – “uncleanness,” “physically or morally impure, lustful, lewd, foul, decadent living;” which covers all other sexually impure living.

“greed” – “covetousness, greediness, covetous practice, greedy desire to have more.”

10th Commandment. Exodus 20:17

“must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;” – even to be named in any of these sins immorality, impurity or greed.

This city Ephesus had the “Temple of Diana the Goddess of Fertility” that incorporated prostitution, homosexual; sex and violence.

Malachi 3:6 – “I change not”

“as is proper among saints;” – “saints” – means, “set apart ones, true believers.”

Ephesians 5:4 – “The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart!”
Luke 6:45

“filthiness” – “obscenity, shameful.”

“silly talk” – “moros;” we get our word “moron;” literally “moronic talk, clowning, foolish;” speaks of a little mind involved in the conversation, Proverbs 15:2.

“coarse jesting” – “jesting” – “means able to turn easily”

Proverbs 17:22; Ecclesiastes 3:4

“but rather giving of thanks.” – Sex is a gift from God. It is not something to be made light of or to be involved in outside of marriage; it is sacred.

2. Verses 5-6 – A Walk That Brings Judgment:

Ephesians 5:5 – “For this you know with certainty,” – This statement that Paul was about to make was a well-known truth, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 3:7-10.

“that no immoral” – fornicators, those in immorality outside of the bonds of marriage; Pre-Marital, Extra-Marital.

“impure person” – sins of the mind and heart; pornography, self-gratification.

“covetous man, who is an idolater,” – Greed over sex or possessions is idolatry, because all the passion thoughts and desires are focused on that one thing, leaving God out.

“has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

1. Kingdom of God is now – Jesus Christ ruling and reigning in the hearts of those that repent and yield their lives to Him.
2. Future Millennial reign of Christ for 1000 years.
3. The eternal kingdom, after the millennium.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 3:7-10

1 Corinthians 6:11 – “Such were some of you;”

Ephesians 5:6 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words,” – Don’t let anyone fool you or rip you off through fake words.

Gnosticism – which said that God does not care what you do with your body, it is your soul that counts. Body is not connected to the soul.

Universalism – says that all will be saved, and some say even the Devil.

Liberalism – “God is love, so He will not punish people.” “God is kind so He won’t send people to hell!”

“sons of disobedience” – this is called a “Hebraism,” which speaks of someone that knows the laws of God but disobeys anyway.

3. Verses 7-14 – A Walk That Is Fruitful:

Ephesians 5:7 – “Therefore” – What is the “Therefore” there for? Don’t practice an immoral life that will be judged. Don’t be partners or associates with those who do these things. Don’t commit these sins.

Ephesians 5:8 – “for you were formerly darkness,” – Notice it does not say “You walked in Darkness.” He said “you were darkness.”

“but now you are light in the Lord;” – Some religions have light, they possess some truth, but that is not enough; we need to be light, be born again.

“walk as children of light” – That means walk in truth and purity, versus ignorance.

Ephesians 5:9 – “for the fruit of the light” – KJV say’s “fruit of Spirit,” but the context is speaking about the light! It speaks of yielding to the Lord; being filled with Him.

“goodness” – Love in action. Kindness towards others.

“righteousness” – integrity, virtue, purity of thinking feeling, and acting.

“truth” – Living out what is true, without pretense, or falsehood, before God and man.

Ephesians 5:10 – “trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” – This is the process by which we are submitting and bring our thoughts, words, and deeds into conformity to the will of God.

Ephesians 5:11 – “expose them;” – reprove [them], to bring to light, to confront, convict.

Ephesians 5:12-13

“or everything that becomes visible is light.” – John 12:46

Ephesians 5:14

Application:

1. A Walk That Is Pleasing To God Is A Walk That Is Morally Pure; A Heart Without Greed, And A Tongue That Gives Thanks Instead Of Speaking Filth.
2. A Walk That Brings Judgment Is The Walk That Rejects Being Morally Pure Or Covetousness, Which Amounts To Idolatry. Such Persons Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God.
3. A Walk That Is Fruitful Is The Walk That Is In The Light Of The Truth. The Light Of The Believer Exposes The Darkness Of Falsehood.