

SESSION 22
EPHESIANS 5.8-14

Overarching Themes in Ephesians: "The letter dwells profoundly upon the Person of Jesus Christ and The Church." RP Martin

Context: Paul's exhortation to the believer to pursue a holy life, a life generated by the Holy Spirit's creation of a renewed mind, a life that reveals the light and truth of Jesus Christ within and withstands in Christ the slide of the culture into moral decay.

Revisit C 4. 23-24 = renewed mind.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session: That you would understand and grow in your identity as a child of Light and understand the impact of your presence in Christ upon a world that is shrouded in darkness.

V 8 What is the charge that Paul is issuing and what is the basis of the charge?

What is the significance of "children" in this verse? (same as in V 1)

V 9 How do you conceive of the fruits of light?

What is the relationship between truth and light? J

V 10 What is the connection between this verse and V9?

Rom 12.2 2 Cor 5.9 Col 3.20 1 Thess 4.1

Light is transformative and we are born into this world to, in our behavior, please God by softly radiating the beauty of Christ within us back to the Father's loving countenance.

How does this transformation really transpire? Ex 34.29 2 Cor 3.12-18

V 11-13 What are the natural consequences highlighted in these verses of being light in the Lord as a child of Light?

What can be deduced from the need for practitioners of evil to seek darkness and secrecy to do the things they do? Jn 3.20

What contrast is revealed in Jn 3.21?

V 14 What is the "Therefore" therefore, and what regarding our spiritual condition without Christ is inferred by the quote?

Mt 4.16

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.

ON LIGHT, ILLUMINATION AND IDENTITY

1. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Gen 1.3

The first expression of the Essence of God

2. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1Jn 1.5

The inherent nature of God

3. In Him was Life and the Life was Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Jn 1.4-5

The Essence of Jesus Christ

4. The Light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the Light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the Light, believe in the Light that you may become sons of Light. Jn 12.35-36

Guidance Possession → Faith → Transformation

5. For you are all sons of Light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or darkness. 1 Thess 5.5

The believer's identity in Christ

6. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. Gen 1.4

Spiritual mutual exclusivity

7. Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light ^{with} darkness. 2 Cor 6.14

Spiritual mutual exclusivity

8. The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of Light. Rom 13.12

Protection

9. But if we walk in the Light as He is the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us of all sin. 1 Jn 1.7

The fellowship of reconciliation