

Series: Learning to Walk - Ephesians 5:7-14

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I. Eph 5:7-8 "Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"

A. Partners = A joint partaker

1. 2 Cor. 6:14

B. Were darkness, Now Light

1. Not 'in' darkness or 'in' light, WERE darkness and NOW I AM light

2. New Identity = light

3. Eph 4:18, Col 1:13, Acts 26:18, Matt. 5:14,16, John 8:12; 9:5, Col. 1:12, 1 Th. 5:5, 1 John 1:7; 2:8-10

II. Eph. 5:9 Walk as children of light'. (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),"

A. Children of light:

1. Like Father like son or daughter

2. God is light and we are children of light

3. The fruit of the light - the natural outcome of such a lifestyle- is goodness, righteousness and truth

4. 1 John 1:5, I Th 5:4-5

III. Eph 5:10 "and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord."

A. Literal transl; "proving what is pleasing to the Lord"

Other translations: "and learn in your own experiences what is fully pleasing to the Lord."

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B. Pleasing to the Lord

1. Romans 12:1-2, Heb. 13:20-21

2. "What pleases God is a life lived walking as Light and in holiness before Him and the world, as we reveal His glory and help those stumbling in darkness to see."

IV. Eph 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

1. 1 Tim 5:20, Gal 6:1-2

V. Eph 5:12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 5:13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 5:14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

1. Rom 13:11-14