Walk as Children of Light – Part 2 - Ephesians 5:11–14

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1) Reject the darkness – vs 11a & 12

Words: activities, dangerous, darkness, dishonour, fascinated, fruit, God, partake, practices, speaking, unbelievers, unproductive, wrong

"Participate" has the same meaning as "_____" in vs 7.

Vs 7 relates to the people; vs 11 relates to the deeds – _____.

Paul is contrasting the two kinds of _____.

"Unfruitful" means _____ – a fruit tree that never produces edible fruit is useless.

Paul says we are not to take part in these deeds of _____.

This includes those of ch 5:3 and all other sinful activities that _____ God.

Paul is referring to the deeds, not saying we must not associate with _____ (1 Cor 5:9–13).

Vs 12 – we shouldn't even be _____ of these acts done in secret.

Some sins are so vile that even describing them is morally and spiritually _____.

Too much talk can cause people to become curious and _____ with them.

They are done in secret because the wicked know it is _____ (Rom 1:32).

Because they think _____ won't see (Ps 10:11).

Part of walking as children of light is to stay away from sinful _____.

2) Bring darkness into the light – vs 11b, 13–14

Words: awakens, bridge, change, changed, church, conform, died, expose, hymn, light, lives, mixture, reconciliation, repent, saved, shine, unbelievers, want, world

Not only should we stay away from these things, but Paul tells us to _____ them.

The primary place of exposure is in the _____, which should not tolerate sinful behaviour.

We are also to speak out against these gross sins in the _____.

As Christians we are to be salt and light, not to _____ to this world (Rom 12:2).

Vs 13a – light reveals these deeds for what they are, through our _____ and the word.

Vs 13b – Paul moves to the possibility of a sinner becoming _____ in Christ.

This part of the verse forms a _____ between vs 13a and vs 14.

When sin is revealed, unbelievers usually don't change; in the church, most should _____.

Vs 14 seems to be a _____ of Isaiah 60:1–3 and Isaiah 26:19.

Some suggest this was part of a _____, but we have no evidence for this.

"Sleeper" refers to someone who has _____ (1 Cor 15:6).

Speaking spiritually, this refers to _____ (Eph 2:1–3).

These are commands – unbelievers are called to _____ and come to Christ.

It is impossible for them to do so unless Christ _____ them.

At the end of the verse – Christ will _____ on you.

The one who calls out to Christ for forgiveness of their sins will be _____ (Rom 10:13).

Our purpose in exposing sinful deeds is that the sinner may find forgiveness and _____.

Back to vs 8 – we know what it is like to be _____ from darkness into light.

This is what we should _____ for those who are still in darkness.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH EPHESIANS

CHAPTERS 1–3 — THEOLOGY
What God has done for us in Christ

THEREFORE…
Ephesians 4:1

CHAPTERS 4–6 — PRACTICAL
How we live because of who we are in Christ

THEOLOGY

CHAPTER 1
Our Riches in Christ

Every spiritual blessing is ours in Christ.

Chosen by the Father
Redeemed by the Son
Sealed by the Spirit

CHAPTER 2
From Death to Life
From Strangers to Family

Dead in sin → made alive by grace

Separated → brought near → united → built together

CHAPTER 3
The Mystery Revealed

Jew and Gentile made one body in Christ.

The church displays God's wisdom → strengthened to know Christ's love → filled with God

Everything God has done prepares us for how we are now called to live.

PRACTICAL

CHAPTER 4
Walking Worthy of Our Calling

Walk in unity · Grow towards maturity
Put off the old self · Put on the new

Speak truth · Serve · Build one another up
Forgive as God forgave us in Christ

CHAPTER 5 — THE JOURNEY SO FAR

5:1–2 · Walk in love
Love sacrificially, as Christ loved us.

5:3–6 · True Love or Counterfeit Love?
True love gives; counterfeit love takes.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT — EPHESIANS 5:7–14

LAST WEEK — PART 1
Ephesians 5:7–10

1) Remember who you are — vs 7–8a
Once darkness, now light in the Lord.

2) Live as who you are — vs 8b–10
Bear goodness, righteousness and truth; learn what pleases the Lord.

TODAY — PART 2
Ephesians 5:11–14

3) Reject the darkness — vs 11a & 12
Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness.

4) Bring darkness into the light
vs 11b, 13–14
Expose sin, that sinners may turn to Christ.

One body in Christ. Many parts. One purpose: His glory. 1 Corinthians 12:12–27