Walk as Children of Light – Ephesians 5:7–14

1) Remember who you are – vs 7–8a

Words: character, curiosity, Devil, discouraging, domain, exists, fallen, Jesus, light, live, Lord, morally, nature, neutral, partakers, possession, sexual, shine, source, union, were

a) Don't share in their life – vs 7

Paul has warned the Ephesians to stay away from all kinds of _____ sins (vs 3–6).

"Therefore" – in light of what I have just told you, don't be _____ with them.

"Partakers" – one who shares in the _____ of something (Eph 3:6).

Don't join them in these activities – don't _____ the way they do.

Other ways we become partakers include showing an interest or _____ in what they do, encouraging them in it, or not _____ them (depending on our relationship).

Being _____ is not an option – we are different – remember where you have come from.

b) Remember what you were – vs 8a

Vs 8 – "were formerly darkness" – past tense – this condition no longer _____.

Paul says they _____ darkness, not in darkness (Matt 6:23).

Paul is identifying unbelievers with darkness – it is their nature, their _____.

Their sinful actions flowed out of what they were as _____ people.

This encompasses all of who they are, intellectually and _____ (Eph 4:17–19).

Children of Satan's _____ (Jn 8:44); they do Satan's work (Jn 8:38).

Citizens of his _____ (1 Jn 5:19; Col 1:13); they love the darkness (Jn 3:19).

c) Remember who you are

Paul says this is who you were, but now you are _____.

This is our _____, our character – we see the completeness of the change.

Jesus calls us light (Matt 5:14). Here is our purpose – to _____ in this dark world.

Paul adds "in the _____" – we do not become light by our own doing.

We can only have light because God is light and _____ is light (1 Jn 1:5; Jn 8:12).

We can't manufacture light – Jesus is our _____. Our _____ with Him is what makes us light.

2) Live as who you are – vs 8b–10

Words: characteristics, excellence, God, heart, integrity, Lord, others, personal, pleasing, requires, sacrificial, Scriptures, walk

a) Walk – vs 8b Paul now calls us to _____ as children of light – start living out what you are.

b) Bear fruit – vs 9 Produce the fruit of light. Paul gives us its _____ (vs 9).

"All goodness" – moral _____, being good in both nature and effectiveness.

Highest expression in willing and _____ acts towards others (1 Thess 5:15).

"Righteousness" – doing what God _____, doing what is right.

First, being right with _____ (Rom 4:5); second, doing right according to His standard.

"Truth" – honesty, reliability, trustworthiness and _____.

Goodness pertains to our relationship with _____.

Righteousness pertains to our relationship with God; truth to _____ integrity.

c) Please the Lord – vs 10

Vs 10 – part of living as who you are is to learn what is _____ to God.

This entails studying the _____. It is always asking: is this pleasing to the _____?

It is not about do's and don'ts but a _____ that wants to seek to please God.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH EPHESIANS

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

THEREFORE…
Ephesians 4:1

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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 together towards maturity
Put off the old self → Put on the new

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

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

CHAPTER 5 – HOW WE LIVE BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE

LAST WEEK – 5:3–6 · True Love or Counterfeit Love?

True love gives; counterfeit love takes.
Turn from sexual sin, impure speech and greed; give thanks instead.
Do not be deceived: lives characterised by these sins reveal hearts that do not know God.

TODAY – 5:7–14 · Walk as Children of Light

Remember who you are – vs 7–8a
Once darkness, now light in the Lord.
Live as who you are – vs 8b–10
Bear goodness, righteousness and truth; learn what pleases the Lord.

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