

“A CANDLE IN A DARK ROOM”

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 5:6-14

We find that believers are increasingly becoming friends with the darkness. Why?

1. **To walk in the light, you must be a _____ of the light (v. 8a)**

1 Pt 2:9 – called out of the darkness

Jesus is calling you!

2. **We must _____ as children of the light (vv. 8-10)**

Fruit – Gal 5:22-23 = the byproduct of the Spirit’s work in one’s life (the beneficial results)

Eph 5:9 – “fruit of light” – characteristic of those walking in the light

GOODNESS –

RIGHTEOUSNESS –

TRUTH –

(1 Jn 1:6) Are we walking in the light or lying to ourselves?

TRYING TO LEARN – find out, put to the test, examine, discern, determine the validity of, pass the test

Ps 19:14; 139:23-24

Questions to ask:

~ Will it make others stumble?

~ Will I be ashamed if Jesus should return?

v. 10 summed up in one word: _____ - see Rom 12:2; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Phil 1:9-10; Jas 1:17 | 1 Thess 5:21

3. **We must _____ the deeds of darkness (vv. 7, 11-14)**

When we think about exposure, what do we often think of?

Are we more consumed with exposing falsehood than our commissioning from the Lord?

What is Paul saying here?

A. We have a responsibility to rebuke fellow believers (1 Cor 5:11-13; Jas 5:20; 2 Tim 5:20; Gal 6:1; 2 Tim 3:16, 4:2)

B. We are to expose the darkness of our world. HOW SO? By... _____

Our lives are a living sermon, a billboard for Christ – Mt 5:16; Jn 15:8; Phil 2:14-15; 1 Pt 2:12

To do this we must...

- **Not Be Sharers (v. 7)**
- **Not be Participators (v. 11)**

To live distinctly from the world:

1. *Live continually in the Lord, aware of him, determined by him, and discerning what is pleasing to him.*
2. *Refuse to partner with or participate in sexual sin, greed, inappropriate language, and forms of disobedience.*
3. *Perform positive action, doing good, righteousness, and truth.*
4. *Expose the darkness.*

vv. 12-14 = REMEMBER WE ARE **LEDs**

Mt 5:15-16