

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, September 13, 2026



sermon: "Walking in the Light" Ephesians 5:6-14

Big Idea: The more we walk in the light, the more we can influence our world.

I. Running from the Darkness (vv. 6-9)

- A. In these verses we see that walking in darkness is associated with our old, unredeemed life (cf. Eph. 4:17-20). But in Christ we have been rescued, renewed, and filled with the Spirit, so we are no longer darkness, but light (v. 8; cf. Jn. 1:9-13).
- B. As such, we are called to avoid darkness and walk in the light. We do this by:
 - 1. Avoiding deception (vv. 5-6; cf. Gal. 6:7-10) – We must not be fooled into thinking there are no consequences for sin.
 - 2. Remembering God's wrath against sin (v. 6; cf. Rom. 1:18) – This is God's firm and ongoing opposition to sin and evil. God does not ignore sin, and neither should we.
 - 3. Not making excuses (v. 6) – Empty arguments are attempts to rationalize sinful behavior.
 - 4. Not partnering with darkness (v. 7-9; cf. Jn. 3:19-21) – we are to avoid participation in any evil practice because we are new creations in Christ.

II. Walking in the Light (vv. 10-14)

- A. In contrast, walking in the light means living a life that glorifies God and reveals who we really are in Christ. This is not about being perfect (that doesn't happen in this life), but about a daily trust in Christ and in His Word and reliance on God's grace.
- B. This is best seen when we:
 - 1. Walk in love (cf. vv. 1-2).
 - 2. Seek to please the Lord (vv. 9-10) by living a life of:
 - a. Goodness (character).
 - b. Righteousness (living by God's standard).
 - c. Truth (living in the reality of Christ; cf. Eph. 4:21).
 - 3. Expose the darkness (vv. 11-13; cf. Matt. 5:13-16) – We are called to be the conscience of our culture, exposing evil and reflecting the light of Christ. There is to be a visible difference between the attitudes and behaviors of Christians and the world.

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