



EPHESIANS 5 PART 2

You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. This is the central truth of our new identity in Christ. Before we came to Him, our very nature was darkness itself, but through His grace and great love, we were called out of that darkness and into His marvelous light. To walk in this light means to conduct our lives in a way that aligns with our new identity. We are no longer to walk as we once did, but instead to imitate the attributes of God—His kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness. Our walk is not about earning acceptance, because we have already been redeemed and accepted in Christ. It is about living a life that is agreeable and well-pleasing to the Lord, letting His light shine through us. This journey requires action and awareness. To truly walk in the light, we can focus on four key principles:

The Four "A"s for Your Walk

Aware: We must be aware of our new position in Christ. We are new creations, called out of darkness into His light, and we no longer have to live by old habits.

Agreeable: Our lives should be agreement to God's Word. We seek to find out what is well-pleasing to Him in every thought, word, and action.

Action: Walking in the light takes action. We must actively avoid fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness and instead expose them with light. Light in our lives produces growth and guidance, steering us away from darkness and towards God's marvelous light.

Awake: We must be awake and attentive in our faith. The Bible offers no suggestion of coasting or laziness. Instead, we are to be awake to our own spiritual condition, the needs of the lost around us, and the times we are living in.

What aspects of my life are in Agreement with God's Word? Which ones are not?

Study Questions:

1. What are the fruits of the Spirit that Paul specifically mentions in Ephesians 5, and how do they differ from the complete list in Galatians? (Ephesians 5:9, Galatians 5:22-23)
2. Why is it so important to "expose" the works of darkness rather than simply avoid them? (Ephesians 5:11)
3. What does it mean to be "awake" as a child of light, and why is this state so crucial for our walk? (Ephesians 5:14, Romans 13:11-12)
4. What is the danger of "evil company," and how does having no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness protect our good habits? (1 Corinthians 15:33)
5. How does the hope of Christ's return or our eventual meeting with Him face-to-face motivate us to live more holy lives? (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6)