

The Christian Walk *Walking in the Light*

Ephesians 5:8-13 – “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light**⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.¹³ But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them,¹⁴ for the light makes everything visible. (NKJV/NLT)

This entire study focuses on the difference between light and darkness. As believers we are to:

- Walk as children of the Light (in goodness, righteous living and truth)
- Have nothing to do with sin (deeds of darkness)
- Expose sin (deeds of darkness)

What does “light” do?

- Makes things visible and is visible itself
- Reveals – lamp, spotlight
- Exposes – spotlight, flashlight
- Guides, shows the way - lighthouse, flash light, lantern
- Illuminates – candle, lamp

Christ is The Light (the source of all light)

John 1:4-9 - ⁴ In Him was life, and that life **was the Light of all mankind**. ⁵ **The Light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John[the Baptist]. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning **that Light**, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ **The true Light** that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. (NIV)

Isaiah 9:2 – “The people walking in darkness have seen **a great Light**; upon those living in the land of deep darkness, **a Light** has dawned. (NIV)

John 8:12 – “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am **the Light** of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life.”

We were called [rescued] out of the darkness...into the light

I Peter 2:9-12 - ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of **Him who called you out of darkness into**

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His marvelous light; ¹⁰ *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.* ¹¹ *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,* ¹² *having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.* (NKJV)

Colossians 1:13-14 – “For he has **rescued us from the kingdom of darkness** and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ *who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*” (NLT)

Proverbs 4:18-19

We all were once sinners (living in “darkness”), but as believers we were called out of the darkness (saved) into the Light (Christ). Therefore, we need to live as those who belong to the light and not to the darkness. As we live our lives for Christ (in the light), those living in darkness (unbelievers) will see our actions (good works, deeds) and glorify God.

We are now the light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16 - “You are **the light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ *Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.* ¹⁶ **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

Philippians 2:14-15 – “Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine as lights** in the world*”

We are meant to be seen by unbelievers. As we live Spirit-filled, Christ-centered lives, the unbelieving world sees us and, as a result of our good works, gives glory to God (and will hopefully be won to Christ)!

Conclusion - walking and light

As believers, we are called to:

- Walk **in** the Light (salvation)
- Walk **as** light (as witnesses to the unbelieving world)
- Walk **with** the Light (with Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit)