

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Ephesians 5:8-14

INTRODUCTION: We are no longer defined by darkness but transformed into light. Paul calls believers to live from this new identity, bearing fruit that pleases God and exposing darkness through godly living. As Christ shines upon us, we awaken to a life of truth, righteousness, purpose, and spiritual vitality.

I. REMEMBER YOUR NEW IDENTITY: YOU ARE LIGHT v.8

A. You were once darkness.

1. Darkness describes your former spiritual condition before coming to Christ. *John 1:4-5,9*
2. Darkness separated you from a relationship with God and His promises. *John 8:12*
3. Darkness was once the key influence in your life. *Colossians 1:13*

B. You are now light. v.8

1. Salvation completely changed your identity. *Genesis 1:3-4*
2. Light is now your present reality flowing from the inside out. *Matthew 5:16*
3. The source of light is Jesus, who has made us light, not just a reflection of light. *Matthew 5:14*

C. Walk as children of light. v.8

1. Our conduct now begins to match our new identity in Christ. 1 *Peter* 2:9
2. Every part of our life now reveals the very character of God who now dwells in us. *Matthew* 5:16
3. We are now making the daily choice to walk accordingly. *Romans* 13:12

II. LIVE A FRUITFUL LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD vv.9-10

A. Bear fruit of the light. v.9

1. The light within us begins to produce goodness through our actions. *Luke* 6:43
2. The light produces the righteousness within us.
3. The light will shine brightly upon that which is true. *John* 17:17

B. Discern what pleases God. v.10

1. It takes spiritual discernment to fully please God. *Romans* 12:2
2. It is by faith that we can truly please God. *Hebrews* 11:6
3. As our minds are renewed, pleasing God becomes an automatic shift in our conduct. *Galatians* 1:10

C. Live as proof of transformation.

1. Fruit is the definitive evidence of our active vitality and connection to Jesus. *John* 15:4-5

2. Your spiritual fruit directly shapes and strengthens your relationships with others. *John 13:34-35*
3. Bearing abundant spiritual fruit honors and glorifies God. *John 15:8*

III. WAKING UP TO CHRIST EXPOSES THE DARKNESS

A. Refuse partnership with darkness. v.11

1. The desire to participate in sinful acts dissipates as we walk closely with the Lord. *1 John 3:6 NLT*
2. We quickly recognize that darkness is unfruitful and produces a negative outcome. *Romans 6:20-21*
3. Separating from darkness is a refusal to participate in its sinful deeds.

B. Expose darkness by walking in light. v.11

1. God's truth is the ultimate light that reveals everything darkness tried to hide.
2. Exposure happens through Godly living by revealing the finished work of Christ in our lives. *John 1:5*
3. Exposure is not about tearing people down and criticizing others. *v.12-13, Philippians 1:15-18*

C. Respond to Christ's wake up call. v.14

1. In order to awaken from spiritual sleep, we must walk boldly in the light of God's truth. *Isaiah 60:1-2*

2. Dying to our old self remains incomplete without rising up into our new life. *Romans 6:11*
3. We can rest in the assurance that our resurrected life is filled with the light of Jesus. *Matthew 5:15*

CONCLUSION: Because we are light in the Lord, we must no longer live as though darkness still defines us. Christ has changed our identity, transformed our desires, and called us to bear fruit that pleases God. As we walk in His light, darkness is exposed, lives are awakened, and Jesus is glorified through the visible evidence of His work in us.