

Series: Ephesians: Christ's Life In Us

Sermon: Walk in Light

Passage: Ephesians 5:3-14

Illustration:

Need: Because we are in Christ, we are called to live in His life and not practice or participate in the unfruitful works of darkness.

I. Love's self-centered counterfeits have no place in the church (5:3-6)

- Love seeks the highest good in & for others. These counterfeits seek only to satisfy our own lust.
- Sexual immorality is any sexual expression (physical, emotional, mental) outside of legitimate marriage between 1 man & 1 woman.
- Impurity is a broader term uncleanness & covetousness is self-seeking, self-indulgent greed.
- Not only are these sins to be avoided, but they should not contaminate our speech.
- Those who practice these sins give evidence that they are not redeemed. **1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 John 3:9-10**
- Religious talk or experience that produces no change are empty words. (Luke 8 - rocky & thorny soil)

II. Don't be in agreement with those who are walking in darkness (5:7-8a)

- The dark is from what & from where you were rescued by Christ. **Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9**
- Following Jesus closely will keep us in the light. **John 8:12**

III. Walk as children of Light (5:8b-14)

- Determine choices and actions based on what is pleasing to God.
- Refuse to take part in
- Pursue righteousness by using the light of Christ to expose the works of darkness.

IV. Turn the Light on.

- Where does darkness exist in you (sexual immorality, impurity, greed, filthy/foolish/crude speech)?
- Expose it. Confess it. Repent of it. Remove it. Receive forgiveness. Seek restoration.
- With whom am I approving or supporting darkness?
- Expose it. Encourage confession, repentance, removal. Walk with them towards forgiveness & restoration.
- Walk daily in the light of Christ because you are His and He has called you to follow Him.