



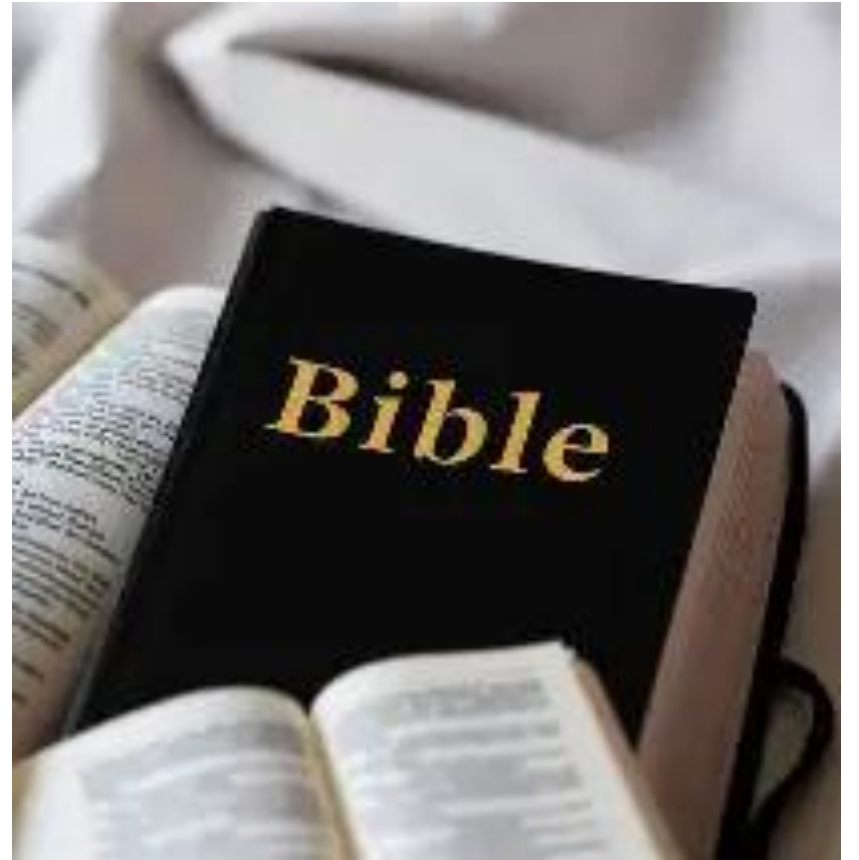
The WORD Series

Part 12 – Walking in the Light



Introduction...

- In our last session, we began the study of Ephesians chapter five.
- We managed to get through the first six verses and looked at some key themes in the Christian walk.
- We were to walk in Love and purity, rejecting the options of moral darkness and embracing our new life in Christ.
- In this session, we will pick things up from where we stopped.



Bible Reading...

- *⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*
- *⁷ Therefore, do not be partakers with them.*
- *⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*
- *⁹ (for the fruit of the ^[b]Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*
- *¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*
- *¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather ^[c]expose them.*
- *¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.*
- *¹³ But all things that are ^[d]exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Ephesians 5:6-13*



Partakers...

- ***Therefore, do not be partakers with them.***
- There is no escape for the wicked as the justice of God will eventually catch up with all evildoers.
- This is a warning scripture. Do not get involved with the darkness of this world.
- It is interesting that this book is written to the Church community.
- Christians should not be caught in the wrong company.



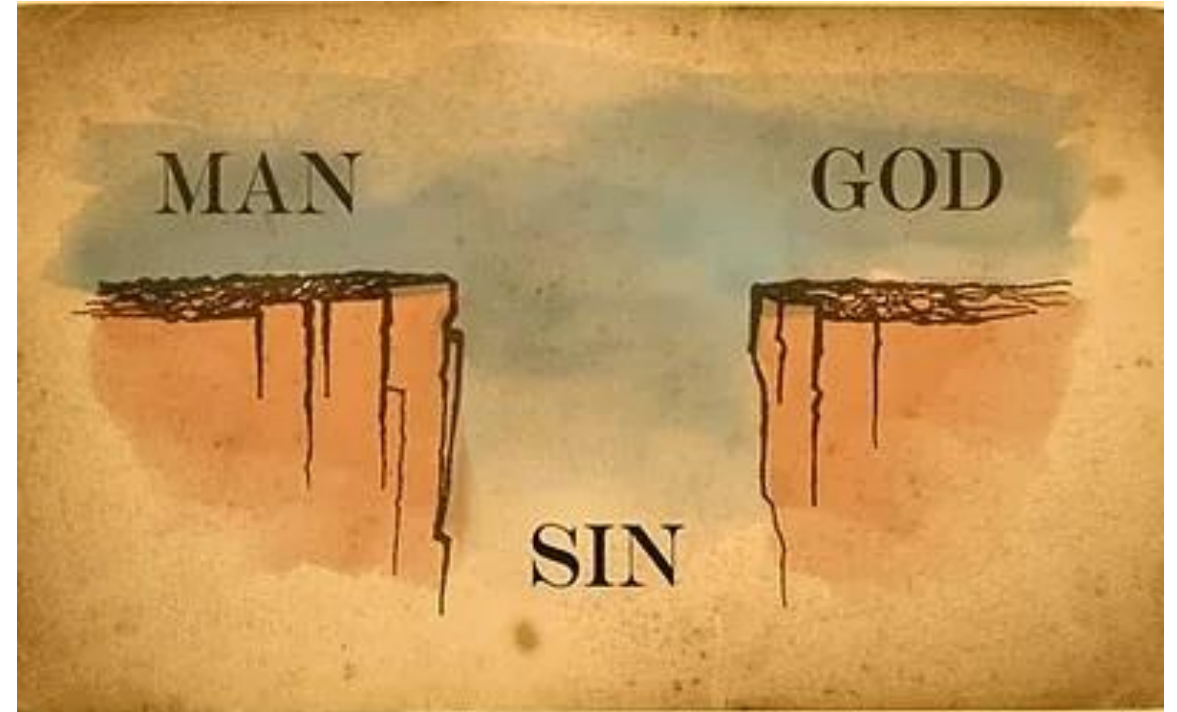
Darkness..

A large crowd of people is silhouetted against a bright light source, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene. The light is on the left, fading into darkness on the right. The crowd is dense and fills the right side of the frame.

- *⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*
- You were once darkness
- Notice that it doesn't just say in darkness.
- It says "you were darkness"
- You were not just part of the problem, but you were the problem!
- This is very serious!

Darkness...

- *¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;* Ephesians 4:18
- We were CUT OFF from the realm of God.
- Everyone who does not have Christ is DEAD
- They can have all the money.
- They may be nice and good people
- They may have better qualities than you
- They may be in your family
- They may be brilliant and have invented things to help humanity
- EVERYONE who is not in Christ is ETERNALLY DEAD!



LIGHT...!

- *but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light Eph 5:8*
- Now you ARE LIGHT!
- Not just in the Light but Light!
- That's why we are THE LIGHT of the World.
- This is the essence of the life of God that now flows from our regenerated spirit
- Every Born Again Believer is carrying the essence of God



Fruit...

- *(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), Eph 5:9*
- When you believed, you were born by God into His realm.
- *¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Jn 1:12*
- Becoming a Christian or Child of God involves the transformation of your spirit being.
- So the nature of your new person is **GOODNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUTH**



Fruit...

- The fruit (karpos) or result of a new and alive spirit is the nature of God:
- **Goodness** – agathosyne – nice, kindness, uprightness, virtue and beneficence
- **Righteousness** – integrity, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking
- **Truth** – candour, free from deceit, pretence, and falsehood



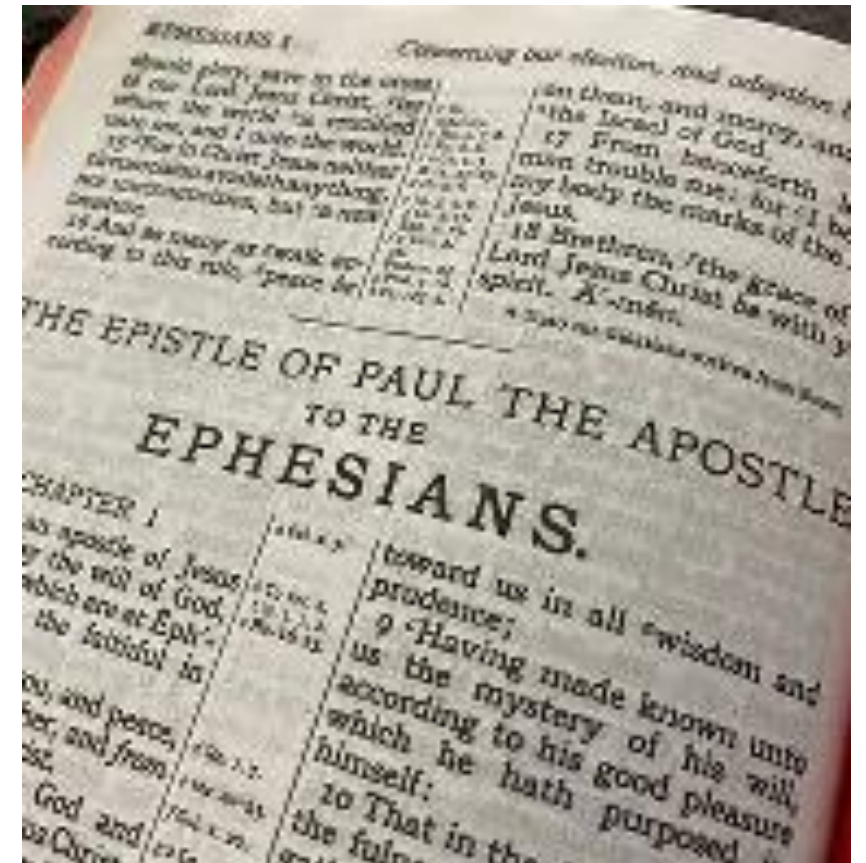
In Sync...

- *¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*
Eph 5:10
- Discern what pleases God
- Flow with the Holy Spirit for your own walk with Him
- Carefully examine what puts a smile on the Lords face
- Learn and know how you should walk
- Let your spirit be in sync with the Holy Spirit.
- Walk in the spirit...



Amplified...

- *11 Do not participate in the worthless and unproductive deeds of darkness, but instead expose them*
- *[by exemplifying personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character];*
- *12 for it is disgraceful even to mention the things that such people practice in secret.*
- *13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light [of God's precepts], for it is light that makes everything visible.*
- *14 For this reason, He says,*
- *“Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine [as dawn] upon you and give you light.” Eph 5:11-14 Amp*



Exposing...

- How do you walk in light at work?
- If you are a student, how do you transmit light and expose darkness?
- Telling the truth even when it hurts... without being harsh or condemning
- Saying no to friends when invited to participate in darkness
- Most people would rather not confront friends even when they know that their actions and deeds are wrong
- Yet the word says “expose them”

EXPOSED

Bible Reading...

- *¹⁵ Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those who tolerate and enable evil],*
- *not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people],*
- *¹⁶ making the very most of your time [on earth, recognising and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil.*
- *¹⁷ Therefore, do not be foolish and thoughtless but understand and firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is.*
- *¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit and constantly guided by Him.*
- *¹⁹ Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, [offering praise by]*
- *singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;*
- *²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*
- *²¹ being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph 5:15-21 Amp*



Reflections....

