

Darkness vs. Light

Lesson 7

Ephesians 5:3-20

Paul's letter to the Ephesians addressed real people with real issues of that day. The early church struggled with their past life style as they tried to live in ways that reflected their new relationship as dearly loved children of God. As Paul continued his teaching, keep the original readers in mind and the fact that the first century church was not perfect as they struggled with these issues.

Darkness – Ephesians 5:3-14

1. Paul wrote that "*among you there must not be even a hint of*" what? (Ephesians 5:3)
 - Why?
2. When it came to speech, what else did Paul say is out of place in the life of the believer? (Ephesians 5:4a)
3. What should the speech of a believer reflect? (Ephesians 5:4b)
4. Some of the behaviors Paul dealt with included immorality, impurity and greed. How did he say God views a person involved with this type behavior? (Ephesians 5:5b)
5. What warning did Paul give about the person who practices this behavior? (Ephesians 5:5c)

6. Paul continued his warnings, this time against deception. What did he say regarding those who encourage that lifestyle? (Ephesians 5:6)

7. What additional warning did he give the believers? (Ephesians 5:7)

8. "*For you were once darkness, but now you are light. Live as children of light.*" (Ephesians 5:8)
What is evident in a life lived in the light? (Ephesians 5:9, 10)

9. What is the child of light not to do? (Ephesians 5:11)
 - Why? (Ephesians 5:12)

10. In verses 8 - 12 Paul referred to behavior, attitude and deeds as "*fruit*". How did he describe the fruit of darkness as opposed to that of the light?

11. What happens when darkness is exposed to light? (Ephesians 5:13, 14a)

12. What did Paul say to anyone who thinks they can hide in darkness? (Ephesians 5:14b)

13. In view of verses 13 and 14b, what do you think Paul meant?

Light - Ephesians 5:15-20

14. "Be very careful how you live..." (Ephesians 5:15)

- Not as _____
- But as _____
- How? (Ephesians 5:16a)
- Why? (Ephesians 5:16b)

15. Therefore, because of all Paul has said above, what is his final word on darkness and light? (Ephesians 5:17)

16. A central part of Greek worship to the god of wine (Dionysus or Bacchus) was drunkenness. What did Paul call this practice? (Ephesians 5:18a)

17. As children of light, Paul said they are to:
Ephesians 5:18b

Ephesians 5:19a

Ephesians 5:19b

Ephesians 5:20a