



Living Upright In An Upside Down World

What an Opportunity! Ephesians 5:8-17 May 21, 2017

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I. Changed in Jesus

A. We Were Once Darkness

How does Paul describe life before Jesus Christ in Ephesians 5:8?

Define darkness as it is used here in Ephesians 5:8.

How does Ephesians 4:17-19 describe living in darkness?

Ephesians 5:8 states that they were once darkness. How is this different than just living in darkness or experiencing darkness?

B. Brought from Darkness to Light

What does 1 John 1:5, John 8:12 and 1 Peter 2:9 tell us about light?

How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 describe this going from darkness to light?

How would you respond to a person that suggests that their wish is to just add Jesus to all of the other values and priorities they have in their life?

C. The Fruit of the Light

What is the meaning of the word “fruit” in Ephesians 5:9?

Define the three things that are stated as the “fruit of the light” in Ephesians 5:9?

Why do these three need to be rooted in *who God is* rather than in *whom we are*?

II. Live as Children of Light

A. Stay Away from the Deeds of Darkness

Ephesians 5:8 tells us to live as “children of light”. How is this tied to verse 10?

What is the challenge found in living out Ephesians 5:11?

How do we balance “have nothing to do with” and *being on mission for God*?

Ephesians 5:11 also speaks about exposing the deeds of darkness. What happens when our lifestyle is a direct contrast to those around us in the world?

B. Live Wisely and Opportunistically

How does Ephesians 5:15 tell us to live? Put this in your own words.

Read Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5. What is Paul encouraging the followers of Jesus to do? Describe some of these opportunities?

Why is it important for us to live with a holy expectancy that God has us *on mission* and that there will be opportunities to be *light in darkness*?