

CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Introduction – We live in a Christ-less culture of darkness. We must allow God to change us by His Spirit into a new creation and a new kind of community, so that we can be a light in this present darkness.

Ephesians 5:1-2

A. A Real Break with Worldly Togetherness

Ephesians 5:3-7

1. When people gather in a worldly club or bar, they are full of coarse joking, obscenities, and seek to stir up sexual feelings.
2. The world worships self, sex, and success.
3. We cannot be partners with them in these worldly pursuits, but must offer a real alternative fellowship.

B. Light versus Darkness

Ephesians 5:8-14

1. The world prefers nighttime and dark places to live a rebellious life, hoping they will not be exposed by the light.
2. The deeds of darkness are fruitless and shameful to talk about. We all use to be a part of it.
3. Now that we are children of light, we must have nothing to do with the darkness.
4. He quotes a verse out of Isaiah: Isaiah 59:21-60:3

C. Contrasting Communities

Ephesians 5:15-20

1. Darkness is filled with drunk people that are full of ignorance and foolishness.
2. In contrast, as children of light we are filled with the Spirit rather than “spirits.”
3. We must be careful how we choose to live and make the most of every opportunity to influence a lost world.

4. Darkness is full of loud godless music, while we sing and make music in our hearts to the Lord with gratitude.

Conclusion – The way we behave around people of the world tells us what we really believe. There is no place for compromisers in the Christ community.