

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT  
EPH. 5:8-16

Introduction:

- A. The Ephesians have been commanded to,  
"Walk not as other Gentiles walk."
  - 1. v17, 4:17.
  - 2. They are to "put off" the "old man." v4:22.
  
- B. They were to "walk in love." v5:2.
  - 1. This is the walk of the "new man." v4:24.
  - 2. They were to "follow God." v5:1
  
- C. Paul continues this theme by commanding them to "walk in light." v8.
  - 1. "walk as Children of light."
  - 2. "walk in love."

I. THREE REASONS FOR WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

- A. They have been lighted. v8
  - 1. "for ye were sometimes darkness."
    - a. sometimes = pote - once, formerly, at some time.
    - b. darkness = skotos - absence of light.
    - c. They were formerly ignorant, not knowing.
  - 2. "but now are ye light in the Lord."
    - a. light = phos - light, opposite of darkness.
    - b. "now in the lord you are all daylight."
    - c. They now are full of knowledge of the Lord.
  - 3. "walk as children of light."
    - a. walk = peripateo - to tread about.
    - b. children = teknon - that which is born.
    - c. light = phos - light.
  - 4. There are two cities of New Orleans.
    - a. Day and Night.
  - 5. Live like men who are at home in daylight.



B. It verifies spiritual life. v9

1. "(for the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth."
  - a. fruit = Karpos - produce, result.
  - b. goodness - agathosine - the quality of him who is ruled by and aims at the good, moral worth, and sterling goodness apart from attractiveness.
  - c. righteousness = didaiosune = the character and acts of a man commanded by and approved of God.
  - d. truth = aletheia - the manifested, veritable essence of a matter.
  - e. "for where light is, there all goodness springs up, all justice and truth."
2. When men walk in the light, (revelation) they bear evidence of spiritual life.

C. It proves (demonstrates) what pleases God. v10

1. proving = dokimokso - prove by test.
2. acceptable - euarestos - well-pleasing.

## II. WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT REPROVES EVIL. v12-14

A. "and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

1. fellowship = sugkoinoneite - to have a part in a thing.
2. unfruitful = akarpos - not bearing fruit.
3. darkness = skotos - absence of light, ignorant.
4. reprove = elegchete = to bring to light, to expose, to reveal hidden things, to put to shame.

B. "for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

1. shame = aischune = the sense of disgrace.
2. secret = kuphe = hidden, secret.

C. "But all things that are reprovved are made manifest by the light for whatsoever doth make manifest is light" 13

1. reproved = elegcho - to shame, to put to shame, to do so by proving one in the wrong.
2. manifest = phaneroo - to make apparent, to make known, to show openly.

### III. WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT FOLLOWS SCRIPTURE. V14

#### A. "wherefore, he saith."

1. Isa. 60:1 "Arise, shine, (be enlightened) for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen with thee."
2. Isa. 26:19 "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing ye that dwell in dust."

#### B. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead."

1. awake = egeiro - to rise, to wake up.
2. sleepest = katheudo - to sleep, to be asleep.
3. arise = anistamai - to stand up, to get up.

#### C. "And Christ shall give thee light."

1. give light = epiphausko - to shine upon.  
God's glory or light shining over Israel.

### IV. WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT IS WALKING WISELY. V15

#### A. circumspectly = akribos - going up to the summit; this requires great pains, care, and diligence, it means accurate, exact, perfect in its kind.

1. fools = asophos - without wisdom.
2. wise = sophos - wise.

### V. WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT SAVES TIME. V16

#### A. "redeeming the time."

1. redeeming = eksagorazomai - to buy up at the market place.
2. "Make the best use of your time."

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- B. "because the days are evil."
  - 1. days = kairos - time, opportunity.
  - 2. evil = poneros - active evil.

#### VI. THE LOST CANNOT WALK IN LIGHT.

- A. The lost are darkness.
  - 1. "for ye were sometimes darkness."
  
- B. The lost love darkness.
  - 1. "men love darkness because their deeds are evil."

