



May 29, 2016  
One Service | 10:00 am  
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## Walk as Children of the Light Ephesians 5:6-15

### Avoid the danger of the darkened world. Ephesians 5:6

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma."*

- Avoid the deception of empty words. Colossians 2:12, II Corinthians 11:3-4, Genesis 3

#### Some deceptions today:

- Undermine and change the meaning of God's Word. (Genesis 3:1-3) *Indeed has God said...?*
- You do not need to fear any consequences from disobeying God. (Genesis 3:4) *You surely will not die!*
- You can determine for yourself what is right and wrong. (Genesis 3:5) *You will be like God, knowing good and evil...*
- Gospel deception vs. Gospel truth. (II Corinthians 11:4)

- Escape the wrath of God on the "sons of disobedience."

### Therefore, do not be partakers with them... Ephesians 5:7 | I Corinthians 15:33

(You are not better together with "them.")

### Remember, you are light in the Lord. Ephesians 5:8-14

*"...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord..."*

- Reflect the fruit of walking as children of Light. Ephesians 5:8-10; Matthew 7:17-20  
*"...walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord..."*
  - Goodness= My behavior does good things for others by His power and grace. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
  - Righteousness= My heart reflects the character of Christ through the cross. II Corinthians 5:21
  - Truth = My mind believes the truth of Christ and His Word with the help of the Spirit. John 14:6, 26; 17:17
- Expose the unfruitful deeds of sin. Do not even speak of them. Ephesians 5:11-12  
*"Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret."*
- Be exposed to the light of Christ to shine brightly for Him. Ephesians 5:13-14  
*"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."*

#### Colossians 1:13-14

*"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*

## Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion

Ephesians 5:6 warns of the use of deception. People will deceive with “empty words.” These are words that are vain and designed to take us from the truth. What does Paul warn us in I Timothy 6:3-5 regarding empty words?

We will encounter opposition according to Ephesians 5:7-14.

First, what should we avoid when sinful behavior surrounds us in verse 7? How is that consistent with II Corinthians 6:14-18? Do you have relationships where you are partaking of the same sins? Can people see a difference in how you live your life from those that do not make Christ their Lord?

Second, according to Ephesians 5:8-9, what should be our plan to be light for people?

Vs. 9 offers three ways to counter them.

Goodness means doing good deeds to change them.

Righteousness is living the life of Christ in front of them to see what Christ looks like.

And truth means to reveal all the teachings of Jesus, and His absolute truth in the Bible, so that they know the better way to live. In this day of relativistic, humanistic thinking where “truth is only what is true for me”, these people need to see in us goodness, righteousness and truth.

How are you expressing God’s goodness, righteousness and truth?

A third measure to take is to “expose” the deeds of darkness. *Expose* means to rebuke, confront and challenge people to change. What must you keep in mind as you do this in Ephesians 4:15? Again, we are called to “walk in love” (Ephesians 5:1-2). Who do you need to “expose” to the truth and do deeds of goodness and righteousness to help them change? Will you pray for them and opportunities to live this life before them?

## Next Steps:

1. **Come to the Discover Jesus class on Wednesdays through July 20 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center Lobby.** This 9-week course will help you discover how to live and love like Jesus. Come grow in your faith by journeying through the foundational elements of discipleship with a mentor. If you’re a new follower of Jesus, or want to become more grounded in the basics of Christianity, this is perfect for you! [calvarylife.org/discover](http://calvarylife.org/discover)
2. **Are there hurts, habits or hang-ups in your life holding you back in your Christian walk?** Come find support and strength in community at Celebrate Recovery. Join us at the Celebrate Recovery BBQ at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 1 on the patio, and stay afterward to get a glimpse into the Celebrate Recovery ministry. [calvarylife.org/cr](http://calvarylife.org/cr)
3. **Take a next step in following Jesus by making a public commitment through baptism.** Baptism is both a public testimony of an individual's passage from the old life to the new life we find in Him and a way to show they are part of the body of Christ. Save the date for the next Beach Baptisms on Sunday, August 21. Baptism classes will be on Sundays August 14 +21 at 9:00am and 11:00am in the Worship Center Prayer Room. [calvarylife.org/baptism](http://calvarylife.org/baptism)