

Sermon Quotes
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Chris Dunlop- Darkness Vs Light

Darkness vs. Light

Scripture Text: Ephesians 5:6-14

“Having been changed from darkness to light. Don’t participate in darkness, but walk as children of light.”

Ephesians 4:1

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,…”

Ephesians 4:17

“Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.”

Ephesians 5:2

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

I. A Warning-Do Not Be Deceived

Verse 6- Let no one deceive you with empty words

LIE # 1: Darkness is Good

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

LIE # 2: God takes sin lightly

II. A Command

Do Not Participate With the World

- I. Because of What You Have Been Saved From
- II. Because of What You Have Been Saved TO! 1 Peter 2:10
“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people”

Ephesians 2:12-13

...you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...”

Psalm 16:11

“In your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever”

“ How sweet all at once it was for me to be rid of those fruitless joys which I had once feared to lose!... You drove them from me, you who are the true, the sovereign joy. You drove them from me and took their place, you who are sweeter than all pleasure.”

-Saint Augustine:

“The Apostle is telling us...that this is something that is so clear that we should know it. And not only should we know it, but everybody else should know it.”

-Martin Lloyd Jones

1 Peter 1:10-11

“Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”