

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Children of Light” – Part III – Ephesians 5:9-15

I. Introduction.

A. Briefly reviewing recent messages.

1. Contrast between light and darkness.
2. The six intolerable vices:

Immorality, Impurity, Greed,

Filthiness, Silly Talk, Course Jesting

B. God’s wrath upon those who practice the lifestyle of darkness.

1. Ephesians 5:5-8

C. Now, Paul moves from darkness to light.

1. Ephesians 5:9-15

II. Exposition

A. The metaphor of light.

1. Additional texts.

Psalm 27:1; Isaiah 60:19; Psalm 119; Isaiah 49:6; John 1:9

2. MacArthur.

B. Further insights

1. “Fruit of Light” – Better translation than “Fruit of Spirit”

as in the KJV.

- a. Goodness – moral excellence.

1. I Thessalonians 5:15

- b. Righteousness

1. Credited to us by God.

- a. Romans 4:5; Ephesians 4:24

2. Also refers to how we live.

- a. Romans 6:13

3. Desire for righteousness confirms our salvation.

- a. I John 2:25

- b. See also Matthew 5:6; 7:21-24

c. Truth

1. The word postmodern culture loves to scoff at.
2. Relativism – City on a Hill emphasis.
3. We must learn to love the truth about the world as well as ourselves.

2. “Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord,” verse 10.

1. The definition of what a child of light does.
2. Variant reading – “Proving what is pleasing”
3. How do you know that you are saved?

- a. Here is the answer – Do you have desire for

_____, _____, & _____?

4. Verse 10 represents the contrast of our age.

- a. Presidential candidacy illustration.

- b. The two towers (Lord of the Rings).

1. Today’s towers.

- a. _____

- b. _____

- C. Exposing darkness, verses 11-12.

1. Confessing.

2. Attesting.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Watch for the two towers.

- B. Knowing the will of God is more simple than we think.

- C. Take the test – II Corinthians 13:5.