

Walking In the Light

Ephesians 5:8-14

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1. Contrast V8

Be who you are! You were, now you are! Live what you are!

You were

- Doing the works of Satan
- Ruled by Satan
- Under God's penalty
- Headed for eternal darkness

Now You are

- "We are His workmanship, created by Christ Jesus unto good works" 2 Tim 3:17
- We are not under the rule of Satan, we are under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
- We are not under God's wrath; we are under the promise of being participants in the kingdom of light.
- We will not go into a place of darkness, we will go to a place of light, and the Bible says there is no lamp there for Jesus is the light of it. (Rev.21:23)

Live What You Are

2. Characteristics V 8

- **Goodness**- in relating to others
- **Righteousness**- in relating to God
- **Truth**- in integrity

All Christians bear fruit. There's no such thing as a no-fruit Christian.

3. Command V11

- Don't get involved in sin, the unfruitful activity of darkness.

4. Commission V11b

- Be light in the darkness. Light reveals the truth and exposes the true character of things.
- The joy of the Christian is to be a living example of God's truth, to be a living verification of what is pleasing to God.

5. Invitation V14

- God's grace is always reaching out