



“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Nine = THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Ephesians 5:1-20)

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Introduction: In **Revelation 2:1-7** we read a letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus. In that letter, Jesus condemns the Ephesians because they left their first love. On Sunday mornings we are noticing the words of Paul in the letter he wrote Ephesians, several years before that condemnation by Christ. We have noted that if the Ephesian Christians had just listened to the apostle Paul they would have avoided that terrible fate. Today we are going to consider the light of Christ in the world. Remember what John has already revealed about Jesus as the Light of the world (**John 1:6-9, 8:12, 9:5**). Jesus shined His light and then passed on the flame. Now Paul reveals that the torch has passed all the way down to us. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. Christ’s Light Leads Us To Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:1-7)

- A. Love allows us to emulate Jesus (vs.1-2)
- B. Love allows us to escape temptation (vs.3-4)
- C. Love allows us to expand the kingdom (v.5)
- D. Love allows us to expel worldliness (vs.6-7)

II. Christ’s Light Leads Us To Walk in Radiance (Ephesians 5:8-14)

- A. The Lord of light (v.8)
- B. The children of the light (vs.9-10)
- C. The significance of the light (vs.11-13)
- D. Living in the light (v.14)

III. Christ’s Light Leads Us To Walk in Wisdom (Ephesians 5:15-20)

- A. Wisdom toward effective time management (vs.15-16)
- B. Wisdom toward proper decision making (v.17)
- C. Wisdom toward daily spiritual sacrifices (vs.18-19)
- D. Wisdom toward having a positive outlook on life (v.20)

Conclusion: Are you tired of walking in the darkness? Are you ready to come into the light? Are you ready to bring some sins out into the open? Are you ready to lay them at the foot of the cross? Are you ready to die with Christ in baptism, be buried in His precious blood, and rise up new out of a watery grave? Are you ready to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God? Are you ready to walk with Jesus every day of your life? Are you ready to surrender to His will? Seek the Light of the world!