

**Bible Study: Ephesians 5:8-17**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

Here in **Ephesians 5**, **Holy Spirit**, speaking *through the pen* of the Apostle Paul...

**Reminds us that there is a change** that should take place in the life of the believer:

**When we put our faith in Christ**, and accept the payment He made...

**There should be a change** that becomes evident.

It is for this reason that Paul wrote to the church at Corinth saying things like:

Ref: **2 Corinthians 5:17**; and **1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19**.

**Q – Has there been a change in your life?**

**Q – Are you constantly in a state of BEING CHANGED**, as you allow Holy Spirit to speak into your life? (Ref: **John 16:13-15; 14:6; 12:32**)

With this concept of being changed / transformed through Christ, let's pick up with **Ephesians 5:8-14** -

<sup>8</sup> For **YOU were once DARKNESS**, but *now* **YOU are LIGHT** in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> *For it is shameful even to speak of those things* which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But **all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light**, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore He says:

**“Awake, you who sleep,  
Arise from the dead,  
And Christ will give you light.”**

**Q – What is the believer being instructed to do, or to avoid?**

**Q – Is the light of the gospel, the light of Jesus Christ, nearly turned to darkness in you?**

In **v. 11** - **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them

**Notes:**

Let's take a moment to look at **v. 14** – Therefore **He says**,

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And Christ will give you light.”**

Here we have a two-fold analogy:

**FIRST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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When **John the Revelator** carried forth the letters of the Lord to the seven churches...

There was one church, **Sardis**, which received this message:

**Rev. 3:1-3** – I know your works, that you have a name that you are ALIVE, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, *that are ready to die*, for I have not found your works **perfect** before God. <sup>3</sup> **REMEMBER** therefore **how you have received** and heard; **hold fast and repent.**

**Note** – the third verse: **REMEMBER.**

(Ref: Psalm 78:40-42)

**John 8:12** - Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, but have the light of life.”**

**Matt 5:14-16** - **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.** <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a **BASKET**, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**A HARDENED HEART** \_\_\_\_\_ **... and becomes like a basket** covering.

**Ephesians 5:15-17** – **See then** that you **walk** circumspectly (**carefully**), **not as FOOLS** but as **WISE**, <sup>16</sup> *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore **do not be unwise**, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*.