The Holy Spirit & Me Series

**“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Love, Light & Wisdom (Ephesians 5:1-17)**

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**Introduction**

1. As we continue from this morning we go from the admonition of walking in love as imitators of God to walking in light as children of Light…
2. **Walk As Light (5:8-14)**
	1. We Are Now “Light In The Lord” (v8-10)
		1. Before coming to Christ we were once “darkness” but now we are the “light” of the Lord and we should live that way as well.
		2. The light produces fruit – Goodness, Righteousness and truth.
		3. The light enables us to discriminate between what is well-pleasing and what is not pleasing to God. It is in the light all motives and actions must be tested (John 3:20-21).
	2. As “Light” We Must Expose “Darkness” (v11-14)
		1. The light exposes whatever is evil. Best way to rid evil is to expose it to the light.
		2. To walk as children of light means to live before the eyes of God not hiding anything (Heb 4:13).
		3. Walking as children of light also means revealing God’s light in our daily lives. By our conduct and character we bring God’s light into a dark world. By being lights we lead people to Jesus.
		4. Lights also expose what is wrong. No surgeon would work in the dark neither would an artist etc. The light reveals the truth and exposes the true character of things.
		5. Paul finally says anything illuminated becomes light. It seems to have a cleansing quality to it. It not only condemns but also heals.
		6. Paul introduces a quote that we are not sure of the source. Perhaps an old baptism hymn. In any case it is a picture of us rising from the dead as Jesus did that early Sunday morning. The darkness is past and now we come forth to live in the light.
3. **Walk In Wisdom (5:15-17)**
	1. Characteristics Of Those Who Walk In Wisdom
		1. A mark of wisdom (v15) Is one where Christians plan their days and lives to do the will of God.
		2. Life is short (v16a) We should take advantage of our opportunities while we can.
		3. The days are evil (16b) In Paul’s time persecution was on the way. What about in our days? How much longer before our freedom is gone?
		4. God has given us a mind (v17a) “Understanding” suggests using our mind to discover and do the will of God.
		5. God has a plan for our lives (v17b) Paul spoke of this in Eph 2:10. His plan is revealed through His word (Col 1:9-10) by His Spirit in our hearts (Col 3:15) and through circumstances (Rom 8:28). We can live in this plan of God’s!