



“Defeating Deception”

The Church’s Conduct

Ephesians 5:6-14

Refusing a life of :

I. Ignorance - “ye were sometimes darkness” (vs. 6-8)

Our thinking has a :

A. Philosophy – “vain words”

B. Parent – “children of disobedience”

C. Practice – “partakers with them”

II. Incompetence – “walk as children of light” (vs. 8-10)

Our talent is for:

A. Loving – “in all goodness”

B. Living - “righteousness ”

C. Learning - “and truth”

III. Ignominy - “For it is a shame even to ” (vs. 11-14)

Our toil is not :

A. Unfruitful – “unfruitful works of darkness”

B. Unspeakable – “to speak of ...things... in secret”

C. Unblessable – “Christ shall give thee light”

Sentence Sermon:

“The Church is people who walk in the light and expose the unfruitful works of darkness.”

Additional Verses

- ***I Peter 1:7***
- ***Galatians 5:19-22; 6:8***
- ***Romans 6:21; 8:13***
- ***John 3:20-21***
- ***II Corinthians 6:14-18***
- ***I Thessalonians 4:1-6; 5:5***
- ***I Corinthians 5:12-13***
- ***Colossians 1:10***
- ***II Timothy 3:16-17***
- ***Romans 14:22-23***

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What does verse 6 mean by “vain words?” Where do we hear vain words coming from today?
- 2. Who are the children of disobedience? Can believers be children of disobedience?
- 3. What are some real life examples of how we partake with children of disobedience?
- 4. Can a believer suffer the wrath of God?
- 5. Do all believers receive the same blessing of Christ? What difference does it make if Christ shines on me?

INTRO:

Ephesians is written to the Church

This passage brings up a group of people called the “children of disobedience” Who are they? Unsaved....But how can you tell one when you see one? Can you accurately discern which are children of disobedience and which are not? Why?...Unfortunately there are some wheat in them thar tares...Its not good but it is what we find....Today we will see that the church is urged to behave differently than the world and expose the world and its empty ideas.

Exegesis:

V. 6

- Let = indicates the stopping of an action or the forbidding of a continual action
 - No man deceive you = to lead astray
 - With vain words = empty words with no inner substance or kernel of truth...hollow sophistication that serve for excuses for sin
- VIDEO –** This circular reasoning that is devoid of truth and hard to follow unless under its influence
- Because of these things =
 - Comes the wrath of God = anger and judgement
 - Upon the children of disobedience = those who chief characteristic is disobedience...unsaved

V. 7

- Be not = do not become
- Therefore = because God’s wrath is being poured out on that group
- partakers = partners...one who shares together with another
- with them = the children of obedience who are under the wrath of God

V. 8

- you were sometimes darkness = you were formerly one of them walking around in darkness
- but now light = but you have now seen the light of truth and believed and you are light
- in the Lord = you have placed your faith and been placed in the Lord
- walk as children of light = So act like you are no longer blind...take a look around and see

V. 9

- For the fruit of the Spirit = the results of the Spirit’s presence and influence
- In all:
 - Goodness = kindness
 - Righteousness = integrity, right
 - truth = seeing things as they are, in touch with reality

V. 10

- Proving = to approve after examination, to arrange and execute a test, to accept and heed the results of a test, to find out by experience
- What is acceptable = well pleasing
- Unto the Lord = the focus of our actions...not:
 - What will my friends think
 - What will my family think
 - What advantage will this give me
 - What do I get out of this

V. 11

- And = accompanied with ...also ...add to
- Have no fellowship = have no part in it
- The unfruitful works = How do you know if something is unfruitful??? NO FRUIT comes of it. (cp. Galatians 5:19-21)
- Of darkness = EVIL that is part of the old nature. (wickedness)
- Rather = INSTEAD YOU SHOULD
- Reprove them = to bring them to light, expose, reveal the hidden things, to convince, to correct (cp. John 3:20-21)

V. 12

- For it is a shame = dishonorable
- Even to speak of those things = to make mention of, to make part of your regular conversation
- Which are done of them in secret = or hidden...behind closed doors....cp. v. 3

V. 13

- But all things = they allspeaking of the before mentioned sins behind closed doors
- That are reprov'd = when they are being reprov'd
- Are made manifest = made known
- By the light = and exposed
- Whatsoever does make manifest = everything that is made manifest
- Is light = truth comes through revelation and illumination makes clear what is reality or truth.
- If we seek to know the right and wrong on our actions and decisions ...God will give us light.

V. 14

- Wherefore He saith = Scripture conveys the message of God...Psalms, Proverbs, Romans
- Awake thou that sleepest = to rise in the morning
- Arise from the dead = Stand up or get up
- Christ shall give thee light = more accurately "shall shine upon you" - speaks of God approval and honor...that which exerts life giving power.