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**Life – there's an app for that!**

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### Ephesians 5:1-21 **“Walking in the Light”**

It's not walking in the light that makes us a Christian (being saved by what we do) but because we are Christians (being saved by what Christ has done for us) we will walk in the light.

#### **Walking in the Light means...**

##### **Knowing your identity therefore walking in love**

vv1-2 (1John3:1, 16; Matt5:43-45; 7:7-11)

- Identity apart from God is inevitably a sandcastle.
- You know your identity is in being a beloved child of God when you live with a sense of awe/wonder & love philanthropy.

##### **Knowing sin's nature therefore walking in obedience** vv3-14 (Ps51:5; Eph2:3; 1Cor15:33; Ex20; Heb11:24-26)

- We are sinners by nature & nurture. V8 you were darkness v6 let know one deceive you v7 do not become partners with them
- Sin is both external behavior & internal motive. Vv3-5
- The power of sin's attraction is broken by the power of God's attraction. vv8-14

##### **Knowing life's brevity & wickedness therefore walking in wisdom** vv15-17 (Pro9:10; Col2:2-3; 2Tim3:16-17; Heb2:1)

- Wisdom is seeing & responding to life from God's perspective.
- It comes through personal intimate relationship with Christ & His Word.
- It's not a technique to be mastered but character to be developed over time.

##### **Knowing the Spirit-filled life therefore walking in joy** vv18-21 (John 16:13-15; Ps16:11; Phil1:21, 4:4; Ps51:12)

- The Holy Spirit makes us more aware of our resources in Christ.
- Sin is what we do when we lose the Joy of our salvation.



# Growing

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- 1) When you hear the phrase “Walking in the Light” what thoughts does that conjure up? What do these verses have to say about Walking in the Light (John 3:19; 1John1:6-7)? It’s not walking in the light that makes us a Christian but because we are Christians we will walk in the light. Explain.
- 2) Read Ephesians 5:1-21. Walking in the Light means knowing your identity therefore walking in love (vv1-2). What happens if you build your identity on anything other than Christ? Why is awe/wonder & love philanthropy signs of a beloved child of God identity (1John3:1, 16; Matt5:43-45; 7:7-11)?
- 3) Walking in the Light means knowing sin’s nature therefore walking in obedience (vv3-14). What does it mean we are sinner’s by nature & nurture (vv6-8; Ps51:5; Eph2:3; 1Cor15:33)? Explain how sin is both external behavior & internal motive (Vv3-5; Ex20)? How can the power of sin be broken in our lives (vv8-14; Heb11:24-26)?
- 4) Walking in the light means knowing life’s brevity & wickedness therefore walking in wisdom (vv15-17). How should knowing life is short & evil give you a sense of urgency? What is wisdom and where do we get it (Pro9:10; Col2:2-3; 2Tim3:16-17; Heb2:1)?
- 5) Walking in the light means knowing the Spirit-filled life therefore walking in joy (vv18-21). Explain what it means that the Spirit-filled life gives you what people get drunk to get? How does the joy of the Lord keep us from sin (Jn16:13-15; Ps16:11, 51:12; Phil1:21, 4:4)? Pray the list of what it means to walk in the light.