

## Walking in the Light Eph. 5:3-14

Darkness and light are symbolic of two very different lifestyles contrasted in 3-14. We are to be light and shine/expose sin.

### ***Our repeated responsibility of avoiding dark deeds, 3-6***

- ❖ Yet again we get a list of sins to avoid, 2:1-3, 4:17-19,31.
  - ❖ Yet again more reasons to avoid sin: improper, not fitting, kills any chance of inheriting the kingdom, and invites wrath.
  - ❖ How should we understand no inheritance in the kingdom?
    - True believers who continue in sin lose their salvation.
    - True believers who continue in sin just lose their rewards.
    - Professing believers who continue in sin aren't truly unsaved.
    - Unbelievers aren't saved because of such continued sin.
- See Col. 3:5-8 and cf. I Cor. 6:9, Gal. 5:21 for similar wording.

### ***Our God-like responsibility to shine as children of light, 7-14***

- ❖ Since God is light (I Jn. 1:5, Jn. 8:12) so are we to be, I Thess. 5:5,6; and we must shine, Matt. 5:15,16, Phil. 2:15, Acts 26:18.
- ❖ Our appearance = "light-living" 9 as in 4:24.
- ❖ Our response to darkness = don't go back, no partnership,7,11
- ❖ Our responsibility to dark deeds = expose 11-13  
How is this to be done? Matt. 18:15, I Tim. 5:20, Titus 1:9

What can make this hard to do?

Why is this so necessary?

