Sermon Notes for March 8, 2015

Walk in the Light

Ephesians 5:8-14

Introduction

It is amazing how much we learn by observation.

We are called to be imitators of God as dearly loved children.

But how do we do that, since we can’t see God?

- We read about God in his word.
- We look at the example of Jesus.
- We see and learn from the example of godly Christians.

Be imitators of God.

I. Walk in the light with Christ. Verse 8

You were once darkness.

But now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light.

Walk in the light of God’s word.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

II. Find out what pleases the Lord and do it. Verses 9-10

Light is known by its effects.

- Goodness – moral excellence with generosity.
- Righteousness – giving all their due, fairness and justice.
- Truth – genuineness and honesty, not only in what is said, but in what is done.

Light counteracts

- Malice
- Injustice
- Falsehood

How do we find out what pleases the Lord?

- We read God’s word.
- We see it in the example of others.
III. Have no part in the fruitless deeds of darkness. Verses 11-14

Paul doesn’t name them here. He has already done that in 4:31 and 5:3.

Have nothing to do with them. Rather expose them.

It is shameful to even talk about what the disobedient do in secret.

Don’t dwell on it. Don’t focus on it. Focus on Christ.

Why do people love darkness?

- They don’t want to change.
- They can hide.

Others are crying out for help.

Will you help me?

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
Rise from the dead,  
And Christ will shine on you.”

Conclusion

Walk in the light of his word.

Find out what pleases the Lord and do it.

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness.

Follow Christ!