

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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CHILDREN OF LIGHT

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What do we do once we have been “called out of darkness into His marvellous light” (I Peter 2:9)? Is there more to do than just be thankful to God “who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”? (Colossians 1:13). Paul exhorts us now to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:9).

“Goodness”, “righteousness” and “truth” characterize the fruit resulting from walking as children of light (Eph. 5:9). We walk with kindness being a benefit to others. Righteousness characterize our steps not according to man’s wisdom, but according to the truth revealed in the Gospel (Romans 1:17, Eph. 1:13).

One does not find the true lights in the Lord merely sitting idly with a title. They are busy walking according to God’s standard. They are not put off by your demands for proof that they are pleasing to the Lord. They let the the fruit of their life shine for all to see, “proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:10).

Jesus said, “But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God” (John 3:21). One never finds the true children of light shutting the doors of their mind from the illuminating light of God’s word because they are fearful of what changes they will have to make in their lives. One never sees them shying away from Bible subjects and applicable passages for fear such subjects evolve into controversial issues.

The true children of light know that the darkness of error, ignorance and fear feed controversy, and only when the light of God’s word is shut off, will darkness prevail. The children of light live with humility, willing to submit to truth. Those who are light in the lord walk with confidence, knowing that foreboding darkness cannot successfully withstand shining light.

There is a definite distinction between darkness and light. The two cannot coexist in the same place at the same time. When the sun rises, darkness retreats. A room ceases to be

shrouded in darkness when the light switch is turned on. In the spiritual realm, we cannot walk in darkness and have fellowship with God who is light (I John 1:6). As children of light we cannot participate in or have fellowship in the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11).

While not walking in darkness, the children of light yet shine further. They “reprove them” that produce the fruits of darkness (Ephesians 5:11). How often today is the person, who does not speak out against a specific error and sin being proclaimed and practiced, looked upon as a child of light because he or she does not practice the sin or error themselves. The light beam of those who are light in the Lord is stronger than that. True children of light shine also with rebuke, convicting those who are waking in darkness.

“Children of light” is more than a description; it is a life to be lived. Shine with goodness, righteousness and truth. Seek truth and live life befitting of sanctification. Yes, shine by rebuking darkness. Shine on!