

Living as Children of Light - Ephesians 4:17-5:21

Topics: Anger, Believers, Children, Darkness, Forgiveness, God, Hardheartedness, Help, Holiness, Holy Spirit, Ignorance, Immorality, Jesus Christ, Kindness, Light, Love, Lust, Lying, Nature, Needs, Righteousness, Separation, Sin, Submission, Wisdom

Open It

1. Do you prefer wearing old, comfortable clothing or dressy outfits? Why?
2. How do you feel when you wear a brand-new suit or outfit?
- * 3. What do you do with your worn-out clothing?

Explore It

4. In what way were Ephesian believers instructed not to live as Gentiles? (4:17-19)
5. How did Paul contrast the Ephesian Christians with the Gentiles? (4:20-21)
- * 6. In what way does God want Christians to change? (4:22-24)
7. How should new Christians stop living? (4:22)
8. How should new Christians begin living? (4:23-24)
9. What should we keep in mind concerning lying, anger, and stealing? (4:25-28)
10. How should believers speak to one another? (4:29)
11. How can the Holy Spirit be hurt? (4:29-30)
12. Of what five vices are believers to rid themselves? (4:31)
13. What positive commands did Paul give the Ephesians? (4:32)
- * 14. How are Christians to imitate God? (5:1-2)
- * 15. From what practices should Christians abstain? (5:3-6)
16. Whom do we need to avoid? Why? (5:5-7)
17. Why should Christians not become partners with non-Christians? (5:7-8)
18. How does life in darkness contrast with life in the light? (5:9-20)
19. How should Spirit-controlled believers relate to one another? (5:21)

Get It

- * 20. Since becoming a Christian, what old habits have you discarded?
21. Of what aspects of your old nature do you still need to rid yourself?
22. How do you see the new nature taking hold in your life?
- * 23. What evidence do you see that your life is controlled by the Holy Spirit?
24. What fruit of the light do you see in your life?
25. In what way should you be submissive to other Christians?
26. How would you rate your spiritual wardrobe: basic, adequate, or overflowing?
27. What aspect of your Christian life do you want to practice more consistently?

Apply It

- * 28. What would be the first step for you in changing an old pattern of behavior?
29. What can you do this week to make your Christian living more consistent?
30. How can you relate to others today in new, joyful ways?