

“Light-like”?

Ephesians 5:7-10; 4:17-24
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Introduction

- Moral and spiritual decline in our world
- We are fast becoming a “post Christian” nation.
- Jesus Christ as the “*light of the world*”
- You and I as the “*light of the world*”

“Light-like”?

A. As we separate from the world! Ephesians 5:7; 4:17-20

1. “*In*” the world, but not “*of*” the world!
2. To be an influence, we must be different from the world.

B. As we develop “Light-like” character qualities!

1. Our focus is to be on personal holiness—1 Pet. 1:15-16
2. Separation from the world without corresponding development of personal holiness produces external religious legalism and internal, self-righteous hypocrisy! Case in point: The Pharisees
 - a. Separatists and legalists
 - b. Failed to develop internal holiness—Matt. 23:25-28
 - c. Hypocrites
3. To be God’s light-bearers, we must focus on developing “*light-like*” qualities. We need to “*walk as children of light*”.
 - a. The **PROCESS**—Ephesians 4:20-24 “*Put Off—Put In—Put On*”
 - 1) “*Put Off*”—Colossians 3:5, 8-9
 - 2) “*Put On*”—Colossians 3:12-14
 - 3) “*Put In*”—new “input”—Colossians 3:10
 - a) Veil removed when we come to the Lord—2 Cor. 3
 - b) Transformation process—2 Cor. 3:18
 - c) Process not finished until death—Phil 3:12-14
 - b. The **PRODUCT**—Ephesians 5:8-9 Three “*light-like*” qualities
 - 1) “*goodness*”—Moral excellence, to others
 - 2) “*righteousness*”—Spiritual excellence, to God
 - 3) “*truth*”—Personal excellence, to oneself
 - c. The **PURSUIT**—Ephesians 5:10—“*fully pleasing*” Christ Colossians 1:9-10
 - 1) Not through trial and error!
 - 2) Through obeying God’s Word and doing God’s will