

HE WILL GIVE YOU LIGHT

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Today I am going to be talking about correction. We are going to continue in our discussion concerning correction. What I'm going to talk about is Christ giving you light.

We are going to read from Ephesians 5 starting with verse 8. The context here is good works and that we should be partakers of good works and many times when we read this, we think that the good works is something we need to produce of ourselves. When the Bible says in verse 5, and we had discussed this last time, *For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.* Many times we want to read this and say that if you commit these things then God won't allow you to inherit His kingdom. That is not what it is saying. What I believe it is saying here is that those things are not what we inherit. Being whoremongers, being covetous, loving money, and all those kinds of things is not what we inherit in Christ. Since we know that is not what we inherit in Christ, let us not be open to be partakers of those things. Our inheritance is something that is good and beautiful. Then it says in verse 6, ***Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.***

(I am going to have a teaching just on the wrath of God where I will explain this verse which I will not do today because I will have to spend the whole service just on wrath which I will do later. You can go and listen to the teaching that I spoke on this on my website. Just on the Search area on dynamicministries.com and you will find it there.)

Then it says in verse 7, ***Be not ye therefore partakers with them.***

In verse 8, he explains why: ***For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.***

Verse 9: (***For*** (that's a very important word here), ***the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;***)

Verse 10 ***Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.***

Verse 11 ***And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.***

Verse 8 is very important: ***For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of the light:***

Now when you read a verse like that it can be such a condemning verse and it can actually lead us back into legalism, which we don't want!

I want to remind you of last Sunday's service where I showed a video clip. If you haven't watched it, you can go and watch it in last Sunday's service. In the beginning of the service, I showed a video on the power of speaking, basically just human will power of speaking over matter. A doctor, who has a degree in Science, I'm not sure, lives in Japan. What he did was do research on the effect of human words has on matter. He charged water with emotion or with thought. The way that he did that is simple. He would take a bucket of water and then pour some water into one

container and water in another container --- both of them obviously sterile, clean. Over the one, he would speak words like, "I love you" or "Thank you." And over the other one he would say, "I hate you" or "You're not good!" or something like that. Then they would freeze this water and then take a Darkfield microscope and then look at the crystals that formed in the water. It's amazing how beautiful the crystals are where good words were spoken and how deformed the crystals were where bad words were spoken. At the end of the video clip, which is a completely New Age video clip, they say, "If your thoughts can do that to water, what do you think it is going to do to you?"

Now, our thoughts will definitely have a great impact on us but now I want to go even further. If a word that we speak over water has that effect on water, how much more will we, if we can hear God's words spoken over our heart! If we can say, "God, speak Your word over my heart. Speak Your word over my body", how much more will His word produce in you and bring to light the life of God in you!

So, whenever we read the Bible, whenever we read a scripture like, "Since you are light, be children of the light", the moment we hear that from the perspective where we see ourselves as disqualified, where we see ourselves as having to measure up to being the light of God, and I need to live this holy life since I am a Christian, you will find words spoken to your subconscious mind which is the word of disqualification, a word that is all of a sudden works orientated, where you will easily come to the bottom line conclusion which says: "If I walk in the light or if I have the fruit of light by bearing good fruit, that means I am in the light." You can get completely back into the law and it will just bring forth a manifestation of sin in your life. Now, this may sound very complicated, but let me just explain this in short because you may be saying, "Bertie, what are you saying?"

This is what I am saying: When a word is spoken over water, just in normal humanistic power, it has an effect, how much more will the word of God have an effect on the human heart? If we believe, if we hear God saying negative words about us, it will produce negative in our lives. And what the law does is, the Bible says the flesh uses the Law to manifest sin in our life and speaks about inability to qualify for eternal life and we will just hear a negative word. If you hear God say words like, "I hate you! I want to kill you!", what effect will that have on the human heart?

So from that platform we want to look at correction. We want to look at that scripture that says ***since you are light, be children of the light***. We have understood that verse of, ***Be children of the light***, as since you are now the righteousness of God, go and bear love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, meekness, temperance, and faithfulness. You better do those things. That is not what that verse says!

Let's go and have a look at it again:

Ephesians 5: 8: ***For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:***

5:9: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

What he is saying here basically is if you can walk as a child of the light, you are now light, but if you can walk as a child of the light, **then** the fruit of the Spirit will be in your life. That is basically what he is saying there. If you can walk as a child of the light, you can have the fruit of the Spirit in your life. So, **it's not trying to say there that we should bear the fruit of the Spirit for John clearly says, in John 15, that we can of ourselves do nothing but we need to abide in Him and then He will bear His fruit in us!**

So when the Scripture says, "**Walk as a child of the light**", what it is actually saying is, "**Abide in Christ**". Let me explain that.

The context here and it was difficult to really get to what the true context is. I felt even my mind was so programmed with that means to go and do good works that I couldn't really read what it says but after a lot of study and just praying in the Holy Spirit, I started to see the true context. The true context is the Ephesians... it is so simple! It is the Ephesians. The Ephesians worshiped the goddess, Diana. As they worshiped this goddess, Diana, Paul came to the area and preached to them and they received the Gospel. And after Paul left, there was a small church in Ephesus and I think these guys didn't know how the Christian culture worked, how the Christian things work, and some of them would say, "Now that I believed, okay, now I believe," but what did they do? They still lived like the children of Diana, who was the goddess who was worshiped there and also other idols there. As you would find a person being a child of the Law of Moses would be a person who practices the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. Like, for instance, circumcising your children, going to the temple, and all those kind of things. So if you were a child of Diana, you would go and do the worship that Diana demands. You would have her things in your house, you will have little statues and you would pray to them, you would honor her, and all those kind of things. And that would be a child or a worshiper of Diana. But since you are of the light, walk now as a child of the light, which means we are not any more practicing idol worship and neither are we now a child of the Law of Moses anymore and we are now abiding in Christ.

Abiding in Christ means "I am a child of". I'm not righteous by my works. I am not defined by that which I do. I am defined by Who He is and since Jesus is the Word over my life I am not going to partake in any kind of a ritual or legalism or anything like that, so that I can have life from God.

What I'm trying to say here is that when you are a child of the Lord, when you are a child of the light, you are a person who abides in the light. What is the light? We will look at that verse now in John 1:12. What is the light? How do we walk in the light?

Just a quick summary again... This is what we said:

Point 1: We need to have a good word over us in any verse we look at even if we look at the verse that says that we are light and not darkness anymore and we should walk as children of the light. It should never be a verse of disqualification but a verse where we hear His affirmation and His love. If He says, "Walk as a child of the light", he says, "You are, now, light" **Walking as a child of the light is walking the revelation that I am not in need of idol worship or legalism anymore, to**

have life. That is abiding in the light or abiding in the Lord so that He can bear His fruit in us.

Let us have a look at John chapter 1 and verse 4. We are going to look at this life. It says here: ***In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.*** Let's read that again. ***In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.*** Isn't that awesome! **The life in Christ is the light of men.** That is amazing!

The life of Christ is the light of men. Now how do we apply that, as a web church, in our lives? And you as an individual, how do you apply that in your life? Very simple! When the Bible says, the life of Christ is your light, what it means is the life of Christ is what enlightens you, is when we behold His life. What kind of life does He have? The life Jesus has is in human form. There's a human being seated at the right hand of God, my friend. That human being is the place that God has prepared for humans. So, what that means is, He's your High Priest. He talks about you. The life He has, in correlation to the Father, talks about you. The righteousness He has talks about your righteousness. The way in which He lives, from the platform of "I am", wherein He believes in the Father, where the life of the Father is His life, talks about you. And when you see that life and you can believe in that life, you find that life is the light in you.

Now, here the Bible says that when we walk as children of the light, He will actually illuminate our lives with good works. The manifestation of light in you is very simple. This is how it is going to take place. He is going to light up your life when you walk as a child of the light.

So when I say, "I am light" and he defines light there as that which is opposite to bad works, which is opposite to the manifestation of the flesh. So he says, "You will have good works manifesting in you if you just come and say, **"I don't walk by the Law anymore but I walk by the revelation that His life is my life.** If I'm a child of this principle, if I am a child of that life, what does it mean? I am now that which I do in this life is, I say, "Well, I am the righteousness of God. I am holy. I am fully innocent. I am fully unified with Him. I am one with Him. His life is my life. His holiness is my holiness. I am a co-owner of love. I am a co-owner of righteousness!

So, we don't have to bring our own light! He will enlighten us! That's what that scripture says.

Let's look quickly at that verse again because it goes on in Ephesians and it talks in verse 9 about: ***For the fruit of the Spirit...*** It talks about the fruit of the Spirit. I want to just explain to you what the Spirit is. This is very important. We have been very super spiritual concerning the Spirit things.

Let me go to **2 Corinthians 3:17** and read what the Spirit is. ***"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*** The Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. What he talks about here in 3:14 is **he talks about being blinded by the Law and the Old Testament.** Verse 16 says that **but when you come to Christ, then the Law, the veil, shall be taken away from your heart.** So the veil that is upon our heart shall be taken away, verse

17, where the Spirit of the Lord is there will be liberty. It says herein verse 17 that the Lord is that Spirit.

Now what do I mean when we say that the Lord is the Spirit? If the Lord is the Spirit, what does it mean? Very simple... Jesus, and the fact that He is Lord, means that He rules and reigns over sin, He rules and reigns over death, He rules and reigns over works' righteousness and He came and as He rules over over that and judged against that, He came and gave life as a free gift to mankind. He gave righteousness as a free gift to mankind so that we can receive that gift. That is what it means to say that He is the Lord. So when we say that the Lord is the Spirit, we say that when we are in the teaching of Jesus as the One who lords it over legalism, lords it over our disqualification, lords it over human effort and righteousness by human will power, and He ended all of that and granted His life as a free gift to us, we are in the Spirit. That's what he is saying.

We must realize that every word in the Bible where it refers to the Holy Spirit doesn't always just refer just to the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "Don't believe every spirit." Now what that means is, "Don't believe every teaching." So in the very same way there are places where the Bible, when it refers to the Holy Spirit, is referred to the teaching of Jesus as Lord as the One who ended your war... as the One who ended your struggle... the One who took away all your sin and gave you righteousness as a free gift.

So, it says here to walk as children of the light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all righteousness. So, to me, if I walk as the child of the light, what am I going to do? I'm going to do what this verse says in second Corinthians. I'm not going to have a veiled life. I'm going to look at the Lordship of Christ and I'm going to see what the Holy Spirit reminds me of. The fruit of being in the Spirit, or let me put it this way, being in the Spirit or being a child of the light, or abiding in Christ... all these things are synonyms. It means to continue in your belief in Jesus and not be forgetful hearers but be a doer of the Word.

What is the Word? The Word is you do not need Work's Righteousness anymore to be righteous be righteous before God. You don't have to follow Jewish Systems to be righteous before God. You cannot have life by your own flesh and be righteous before God or have eternal life by human ability. You cannot have a report about your life which is founded in what you do for God and the right things and the good things and you think from there you are going to have life. That's what Jesus spells. That's what belief in Christ spells and believing that and abiding in that, veering away from the old life. As Paul said, "I count that old life but dung wherein I was something based on the fact that I was trained under Gamaliel and I was a Pharisee of the Pharisees, and I was very zealous and I knew the scriptures and all those kind of things.

Like a friend testified, "I wanted to be the guy who has all the wisdom. I wanted to be the one with the deep wisdom and the deep knowledge and all that. But when he said, "I give over to You, Lord", he found that that was not important anymore. It is important to have His life and love others. It's so beautiful to have that.

When the Bible says to walk as children of the light it doesn't say, "Produce your own light." It says, "Walk as a child of the light. You are already light. You are that which the Bible says, "Through you I am going to manifest what I approve of. I'm going to manifest what is pure and what is holy. So, now walk in the Spirit. Walk as a child of the light. For when I'm in the Spirit, when I'm in the revelation of Jesus is my Lord. And another point of the Holy Spirit... the Bible says that the Holy Spirit will remind the world of sin, convict the world of sin for they have not believed in Him, of righteousness because I go to My Father and of judgement for the prince of this world was judged.

So the Holy Spirit's voice towards the world is... (you know, as preachers, we have taken this verse out of context many times) ... He said the Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, the church of righteousness and judgement because the prince of this world was judged. This is not what it says. It says, "He will convict the **world** of sin, the **world** of righteousness and the **world** of judgement." The world of sin for they have not believed so he would say, "Listen, sin manifests in you on account of unbelief in Christ", and that is exactly what the Holy Spirit would even say to the church. He will continue to remind you of, and we see it in the life of Paul, He will continue to remind you of one thing and that is belief in Christ is the right thing to do and anything outside of that would be called sin. Of righteousness, He will convict the world of righteousness. Why?" Because I go to My Father." So because Jesus goes to the Father we can tell the world, we can tell the church of the righteousness that is available for every person as a free gift! Why? Because there is a Human, righteous, at the right hand of the Father, which is the place prepared for every human being! That's what the Holy Spirit will do. He will tell you that the prince of this world which is... it talks about Satan but it also talks about Satan's wisdom, which is to find life by your own ability. That is judged as it cannot produce life and a new way is brought unto life which is Jesus.

So when the Bible says, "**Be children of the light for the fruit of the Spirit...**" What he is saying is, "Listen, walk in the revelation that you are not of darkness. You are not partakers of the unfruitful works of darkness," which I will explain now. You are not partakers of that anymore. Don't be partakers of that anymore for you are now light and walk as a child of the light. Walk as a child that says, "I continue in belief of Christ and I am not going back to the Old System." That is what the Apostle Paul was actually referring to there.

It says in Ephesians 5: 19, "**Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.**" The word, proving, is the same word that means to purify silver. "**Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.**" What God is saying is He will purify your walk and He will bring it forth... how?... by you not going back to the old way but continuing as a child of the light .. not going back as when I was a child of Judaism or whatever.

5:11 "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

5:13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light."

So what he is saying here is a very difficult way of speaking but what the Apostle Paul is saying there is, **"Don't have anything to do with the unfruitful works of darkness."**

What is the unfruitful works of darkness? Darkness has a certain commandment that you need to do. Darkness will tell you, for instance, "If you tithe then you will have a breakthrough by your works." Now that is the unfruitful work of darkness. That work cannot produce generosity in you. It cannot set you free from stinginess. It cannot set you free from love of money. It cannot set you free from any of those things.

An unfruitful work of darkness, for instance, would be to think today that you can go and circumcise your child and by doing that he will be part of the people of God. That's a work of darkness but an unfruitful work! So that's why the Bible says, "A light shone in darkness" is talking about Judaism, talking about legalism. John 1: "And the darkness did not comprehend it."

And he goes on and says, **"He came unto His own but His own did not want to receive Him."** The word comprehend means to grab a hold of with the purpose to make use of. They didn't receive Him. And then **He calls darkness also the place where you sleep, where your eyes are closed in ignorance of the truth.**

So He says the following: "I will give you light. I will bring forth light in you. I will manifest what is approved of God in you by the Holy Spirit. All you need to do is never go back and continue to believe what God says about you. Continue to have your identity in the finished work of Christ and nothing else."

Isaiah 40 says, **"Comfort My people. Tell them their war is over and that their sin is pardoned. That they receive double from the Lord's hand on account of their iniquity."** What this means is the Holy Spirit is the Comforter. Comfort My people by telling them the war is over and that their sins are forgiven. So when Paul comes and he says, **"Walk as a child of the light"**, what he is saying is, in the next verse, **"For the truth of the Spirit."** So walking as a child of the light, to me, would mean to say, "I continue to walk under the Spirit. I continue to walk under the message that my sins are pardoned and to walk under the message that my war is over. Because on account of that, if you read the rest of Isaiah, is then the Bible says God will bring forth us as a delightful land of the Lord wherein He will bring forth all the beautiful plans and beautiful attributes which belong to Him, in us. Isn't that beautiful! So that is what we need to have in mind.

Let's look quickly at verse 14: **"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.**

:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

What he is saying there is very simple. He is likening darkness with a person that sleeps, because when you sleep you normally put the light off, we sleep at night. So he says, "Awake from your sleep. Awake from the place where you are still walking as unwise people who think you can have life by your works and awake unto this righteousness that is a free gift to us all. Then you will find Christ will give you light.

Christ will bring forth the good in you. So, what we do, (web) church, we advocate a holy life. We advocate a life where we love each other, where we are kind and we don't allow our pages as a gossip room, we don't have a place where we try to talk bad about others, mock other preachers, or any of that. We want to have a place and an atmosphere in our web church of love and care where even if bad things happen to people who have been ill treating us, there is a compassion rising in our heart from the heart of God. That is what we want to see. We want to see the fruit of the Spirit manifesting in our life. Now the only way that we are going to have that is if we continue to focus on the finished work of Jesus. The only way that we are going to continue in that fruit, that I already see in your lives, is by never going back to legalism... never going back to Law... never going back to the place where we keep looking at how many people are slotting in to our church; We are what we do; We are a growing church; We are this or we are that. Church, we are not going to find our identity in that! We are going to find our identity only in Christ. We are going to find our identity in only how much He loves us and how valuable others are.

This is what he says there: Let us awake from this sleep and when we awake from this sleep, what does it mean? I start to walk in the reality of life which is the life of Christ. How do I awake from my sleep? I say, "His life is my life!: and then HE will give you light! HE will bring forth fruit in your life! Amen! and Amen!

I can conclude this in the following words: **YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROVIDE YOUR OWN LIGHT! HIS LIFE AS YOUR LIFE WILL PRODUCE LIGHT IN YOU AND SHINE FORTH THAT WHICH GOD APPROVES OF WHICH IS THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Friends, I hope you can see that how we look at Ephesians, it doesn't matter how condemning the scriptures might sound. At the end of the day it can only be interpreted inside of the parameters of the finished work of Jesus in order for it to give life and we can see the Apostle Paul writing it in that way.

I would like to pray for you. Maybe you are ill today and you have sickness in your body. I am just going to ask all our web members. let us, just as a sign of our faith, to stretch forth our hands toward our computer screen or lift them to the Lord... whatever you feel you need to do... and let's just pray for sick people right now. There can be people who have real sickness in their bodies and we stand for healing and we stand for helping people. So, if you have sickness in your body, let us just pray for you. I also thank all the web pastors to agree here together.

Father, I want to just thank You that I can just stretch forth my hand toward this camera just as a sign that we are together in the Spirit and the people that are watching now that feel depressed, that are going through hard times in their marriage, people that are going through hard times with their children, people that don't have jobs. people that feel lonely, people who struggle with depression, people who have sickness in their bodies...

I thank You, Father, that in this wonderful, loving atmosphere, that there is in the Spirit which is such a perfect unity around this truth, we declare Your Lordship and we declare healing for every person. And I thank You, Father that Your Word, as

normal, human words can effect water, we declare Your word over peoples' lives. We say, "You are righteous! You are healed! You are well, in Jesus' name.

I feel, by the Holy Spirit, to pray over you as well. Above all things, Father, I pray right now that every person that watches me, even if it is in the archives as they watch this message, right now as I stretch forth my hands, I declare over them that they will have an enlightened mind to see the dimensions of Your love for them. That they can arise from the dead and just see the truth of the life of Christ and have a great understanding in their hearts and the knowledge in their minds concerning this gospel to the point that Your life manifests in them. In Jesus' mighty name! Amen!