

**IDENTITY CRISIS**  
FINDING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST  
**I AM WALKING**  
Ephesians 5:1-21

**LESSON AIM**-To encourage believers to live out their faith.

**WALK**=to live out, to perform

❖ **WALK IN LOVE**- vv. 1-7

⇒ **THE PLEA**

“imitators”-“to mimic”, “to copy someone’s characteristics”

⇒ **THE PATTERN** v. 2, 1 John 3:16-23

“love”-agape

⇒ **THE PERVERSION** vv. 3-4

“fornication”-This refers to all sexual sin. All sexual sin is wrong and is against godly love.

“uncleanness”-This refers to immoral thoughts, passions, ideas, fantasies, and every other form of sexual corruption.

“covetousness”-“greed” “to want something that doesn’t belong to you”.

“filthiness”-“dirty speech, disgraceful language”

“foolish talk”-“dull, useless, obscene talk”

“coarse jesting”-It is the filthy talk of a person who uses every word to display his/her immoral wit.

❖ **WALK IN LIGHT**-vv. 8-14

⇒ **THE CONTRAST** v. 8

What we were: Darkness

Characteristics of Spiritual Darkness

1. It is the work of Satan.
2. It is the domain of Satan-The unbeliever does Satan’s work he/she is under Satan’s control.
3. It brings God’s penalty.
4. It leads to the ultimate destiny of eternal darkness.

What we are: Light

- Matt 5:14

⇒ **THE CHARACTERISTICS vv. 9-10**

**Characteristics of Children of Light**

1. **“all goodness”**-To always seek after what is good for others.
2. **“righteousness”**-This speaks to how we live. Those who were made righteous are commanded to live righteous. Rom 4:5, Rom 6:13
3. **“truth”**-This speaks to honesty, reliability, and trustworthiness.

⇒ **THE COMMAND v. 11**

**“do not participate”**-To become a partaker together with others. The child of Light should not become involved in evil even by association. **1 Cor 5:9-11**

⇒ **THE COMMISSION vv. 11-13**

**“expose”**-Carries the idea of reproof, correction, punishment. To ignore evil is to encourage it; to keep quiet about it is to help promote it. Matt 18:15-17

⇒ **THE CALL v. 14**

Paul offers an invitation, a call for those who are not children of light to come to the light and be saved.

❖ **WALK IN WISDOM-vv. 15-21**

**WISDOM**

- Wisdom is the capacity to see things from God’s perspective and to respond to them according to scripture.
- Wisdom is seeking heavenly direction, in earthly circumstances.
- Wisdom is the exercise of sound judgment either in avoiding evils or attempting to do good.

**WHAT WISDOM IS NOT**

- **OLD AGE**
  - **EDUCATION**
1. There are many people with book sense, but with no common sense.
  2. There are many educated fools.
  3. You can have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education or a GED and be wise.

**HOW SHOULD WE WALK IN WISDOM?**

- **BY BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR TIME v. 16**

**“kairos”**-a measured, allocated, fixed season James 4:14

- **BY NOT BEING DRUNK WITH WINE v. 18**
- **BY BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT v. 18**
- **BY BEING THANKFUL v. 20**
- **BY SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER v. 21**