

What Holiness is Really Like

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 5:7-14

**Isaiah 6:3**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

**1 Peter 1:16**

Be holy for I am holy.

**Ephesians 5:7-14**

Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**Outline**

- A. Distinguished from Darkness
- B. Discerning the Light
- C. Walking in the Light

**Distinguished from Darkness**

“The Christian’s responsibility does not stop with his own rejection of evil. He is also responsible for exposing and opposing darkness wherever it is found, especially when it is found in the church.”

-John MacArthur Study Bible

**Luke 5:31-32**

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.



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### **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— <sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? <sup>13</sup> God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.

### **Ephesians 5:25-27**

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

## **Discerning the Light**

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control

### **John 8:12**

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## **Walking in the Light**

### **Isaiah 26:19**

O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

### **Isaiah 60:1**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you

