

CONTRAST 2

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INTRODUCTION

1. Text Ephesians 5:1-20
2. A study of the Ancient city of Ephesus in both secular and inspired history will show that the city was very corrupt. Much like our own times.
3. The Christians at Ephesus were in darkness but now are in the light. Vs 8
4. As we study these verses we will see a contrast as to what they were at one time as to what they should be now. This is what we want to study to see how we are to act.
5. We will study 1. who they were, 2. Who they are, and 3. How they are to act.

II Discussion

A. Who they were verses 3-8

1. Fornication- whoremonger of verse 5 males and females who practice illicit sex.
2. Uncleanness- the impurity of lustful , luxurious, living. Impure
3. Covetousness- a desire to have more in a bad sense.
4. Filthiness- obscenity, baseness, profanity.
5. Foolish talking. idle talking- gossip.
6. Jesting- vile jokes, vulgar and evil.
7. As saints they were not to participate in these things. vs 3
8. Those who do these things have no part in heaven. vs 5

B. Who they are

1. They are children of God. vs1; 8
2. What must one do to become a child of God. 2:8
3. They were to imitate God. Vs 1

C. How they were to act. vss10-20

1. They are to follow Christ. vs 1
2. They are to walk in Love. vs 2
3. They are to prove-examine what is right. the Bible is our guide.
4. Reprove evil and have no fellowship with it. vs 11vs 13 This is for all.
5. They are to be careful what they say. vs 12
6. They are to be awake. vs 14 Spiritual awake. Always watching
7. They are to walk circumspectly vs 15 looking about
8. Redeeming the time. Buying the time while it is good. Opportunities to do good - do them before they pass.
9. They are to be wise. vs 17. study the Bible.
10. They are to be filled with the Spirit. by studying.
11. They are to worship correctly. vs 19 the instrument is the heart.

12 They are to pray. vs 20.

III Conclusion

1. They had walked in darkness, but are now obligated to walk as children of light if they were going to wear that name of God's children.

2. The book of Ephesians emphasizes the church with Christ as its head, and us as the body. Thus we should walk in a manner that befits the head.

3. Are we walking in such a way as to do this?

4. Are we a contrast of what we were as to what we are now? We better be.

5. Be a part of the body of Christ now.

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