

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #12

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Rejecting Darkness

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: Ephesians 5:1-17

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Things to know:

- Many Believers have become accustomed to the darkness of the world
- Followers of Christ are called to be a light in dark places

God has provided all that we need to live a life pertaining to godliness

-Following Christ is not easy, nor is it always welcomed

-Focusing on the love of God through Christ will ward us away from self-righteousness

Discussion Questions

1. How do we follow God's example? How do we walk in love as Christ did? Vs 1
2. How do you interpret Vs 3-4? Do these verses call for self-reflection? If so, How?
3. How can followers of Christ be deceived by empty words? Consider our society. Vs. 5-6.
4. Are we to let go of our unsaved family members, and friends? Vs. 7
5. What makes you different? Vs 8-10
6. How can we live in the world and not be of the world? Vs11
7. How important are you as a Kingdom Builder? Vs13-14
8. How are we to live? Vs 15-18
9. How are we to greet one another? Vs 19-20

Faith in Action: How to live a Holy life?

Dedicating our selves to God through (Prayer, Studying scripture daily, relying on the Holy Spirit to transform your thoughts, actions and deeds)

-Active Prayer life

-Dependance on the Holy Spirit

-Community Accountability

-Consecration and Separation from activities and behaviors that are against God's word

-Actionable Obedience

Holiness is a Process

Challenge of the Week:

Select 7 scriptures: Give one to each person you see who is begging for money.

2 on God's love

1 on Repentance

2 on Forgiveness

2 on God's faithfulness

Scripture Application

2 Peter 1:2-4- What does scripture mean? What does this look like Monday-Sunday?

Hebrews 12:14- How are followers of Christ called to respond to those who are not peaceful?

Exodus 20:1-17-Any thoughts?

Closing Prayer