Notes



MARCH 22, 2020

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am

Living and Walking in the Light

Dan Jenkins

One of the great blessings we have is the continuing cleansing of the blood of Jesus in our daily lives. We were washed in His blood when we were baptized (Acts 22:16), but we continue to be cleansed by His blood as we continue to walk in the light. "But if we walk (Greek tense indicates continual action—"are walking") in the light as He is in the light, we have (are having) fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (is cleansing) from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Paul described the lives of those who are children of light in his first letter to the Thessalonians.

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He showed that they are different from those who are children of darkness (1 Thess. 5:4-10).

Sons of light do not sleep (1 Thess. 5:6). Obviously he is not describing physical sleep or the sleep of death. He contrasts this sleep with watching and being sober.

Sons of light watch (5:6). It was in Gethsemane that He urged the disciples to sense the dangers confronting them. In the upper room they all had affirmed their willingness to die for Him (Matt. 26:35), but they were all about to forsake Him in fear (Matt. 26:56). His words to them in the garden were, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation" (Matt. 26:41). Those who walk in the light must watch!

Sons of light are sober (5:6). That Christians are to be serious minded is affirmed often in the Bible using a Greek word which affirms this vital quality for every Christian. However, the Greek word used in this passage is *nephos*, which means "to be free from the influence of intoxicants." The impact of intoxicants is to dull the senses, lower inhibitions and is devastating to one's ability to watch.

Sons of light neither get drunk or are drunk (5:7). There are many verses in the Bible which condemn drunkenness (including this one in the phrase "are drunk"), but this passage shows that God also forbids the process of getting drunk. Those who are walking in the light must be aware that the Bible shows that Christians must avoid getting drunk.

Sons of light arm themselves with faith, love and hope (5:8). Bible students will recall these three qualities in Paul's letter to Corinth, "And now abides faith, hope and love" (1 Cor. 13:13). These same qualities are mentioned here as those who are continually cleansed by His blood. We must never forget that all of these are specifically tied to having the Bible in our lives.

Sons of light will live together with Him (5:10). How else could it be? We become sons of God by the blood, we walk in light and are being cleansed by blood and heaven awaits those who live in the light. Thank God for His light!

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Opening Remarks	Clay Bond
Song Leader	Dylan Petrosky

Song

Song

Prayer Jarrett Haydon

Song

Communion Ray Parks

Clay Bond

Song Song

Sermon Clay Bond

Song Offering

Closing Remarks Clay Bond

Song

Dismissal Prayer Luke Haydon

Upcoming Events

> Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.

Wednesday Devotional

...Prayer List...

Gaye Kyle, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom & Marilyn Barr, Clayton Arnold

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Melvin & Shirley Wright

Attendance: Sunday AM: 26 PM: 21 Wednesday: 24 Contribution: \$1369.24