

I. Children of light are changed people (v. 8)

A. We have been transformed from darkness to light

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." (I John 1:5)

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

II. Children of light produce the fruit of the light (v. 9)

A. The fruit that is produced is that of goodness

1. Goodness is love in action

B. The fruit that is produced is that of righteousness

1. We live in a right relationship with God

2. We live with right actions with people

C. The fruit that is produced is that of truth

1. We conform to the will of God

III. Children of light live to please God (v. 10)

A. We should seek to know what pleases the Lord

"We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts." (I Thessalonians 2:4)

B. We should seek to do what pleases the Lord

"The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." (John 8:29)

IV. Children of light live in contrast to the darkness (v. 11-14)

"This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

"The night is nearly over, the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:12)

A. In our lives we avoid the deeds of darkness

"For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness." (I Thessalonians 5:5)

B. Through our lives we expose the deeds of darkness

“You are the light of the world.” (Matthew 5:14)

“That you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.” (Philippians 2:15)

V. Children of light live lives of wisdom

A. We have the wisdom to make the most of every opportunity

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” (Colossians 4:5)

B. We have the wisdom to understand God’s will

C. We have the wisdom to be filled with the Holy Spirit

D. We have the wisdom to worship God

E. We have the wisdom to be thankful to God