Live As People of God's Light Sierra Baptist Church AM - 1-21-2017 Ephesians 5:6-10

Don't Let Anyone Deceive You. v. 6

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceptions, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather then according to Christ. Colossians 2:8 NASB

Avoid God's Wrath, v. 6-7

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God has made it evident. Romans 1:18-19

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience. Colossians 3:5-6 NASB

Admit We Were Darkness. v. 8a

"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness." John 12:46 NASB

Look to Jesus for Light. v. 8b

For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 NASB

Live As People of Light. v. 8c

Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among who you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. Philippians 2:14-16a NASB

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it give light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 NASB

Practice goodness, righteousness, and truth. v. 9

Please the Lord, v. 10

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from he Lord– for we walk by faith, not by sight– we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 NASB

For this reason also, since the day we have heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10 NASB