

**NOTES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: 10/5-6/2020**

**THIS WEEK'S STUDY: Ephesians 5:8-14**

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## **OPENING PRAYER - Introduction**

*Eph 5:2 And walk in love, Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Walk as children of light*

### **JESUS MESSIAH – Chris Tomlin**

*He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing Love so amazing*

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*His body, the bread His blood, the wine Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn Love so amazing Love so amazing, yeah*

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world*

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## **THIS WEEK'S STUDY: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Review - Walk in Love**

**Walk in Love**

*Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.*

*Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

*Eph 5:3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;*

*Eph 5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.*

*Eph 5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

*Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

*Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.*

**Walk in Light**

*Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*

*Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*

*Eph 5:10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

*Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

*Eph 5:12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.*

*Eph 5:13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.*

*Eph 5:14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."*

## **Walk in Light**

### ***Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.***

- You ***were once*** (at one time) ***darkness, but now you are light!*** These are absolute terms, and we are to test ourselves by whether we know anything about them—***you were once*** (at one time) ***and you are!*** The contrast to that is, ***now***. Look back, he says, there, once upon a time, ***once***, that was your position; but ***now!***
- **Darkness, as opposed to light, adversely affects the mind, the intellect, the understanding,** and all the faculties that are concerned with knowledge; and the Bible of course, above everything else, uses the term in this sense. *For you were once darkness!* There was a time when our minds were dark, being grossly ignorant of God! *The fool has said in his heart, There is no God.* He says there is no God because he lacks the knowledge of God.
- **In darkness, people are ignorant about God and His laws; of the real truth about themselves;** the true meaning of life, its purpose; about the value of their souls. What is life? Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going? Unbelievers are entirely ignorant of these things. That is why they live as they do, being ignorant of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the reason for His coming into this world. They are uninterested of the need of salvation.
- **Darkness not only affects the mind; it also affects the heart and the emotions.** Non-Christians do not want to hear it, they are unresponsive to it! How tragic is the man who considers that the truth of God, the glories of the Gospel, just boring, dull, uninteresting, something to be dismissed out of hand. Our Lord said. (*Joh 3:19*) *And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* Their minds are dark! Their hearts also are dark! Can anything be worse than that a human being having a heart that hates and detests the light?
- **Contrasting darkness with light.** You cannot mix light with darkness. (*2Co 6:14b*) *And what communion has light with darkness?* Believers are being reminded that they are no longer darkness but light in the Lord. Not concentrating on the way, when or how, but rather: Can you say about yourself; I am ***light in the Lord***, I am no longer ***darkness?*** We are either light or darkness, one thing or the other, either Christians or non-Christians!

***but now you are light in the Lord.*** (*Eph 2:19*) *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

- ***You were: you are!*** Thank God you are no longer in your former state. ***NOW!*** At one time: ***now!*** First of all, ***walk in love!*** Now he is exhorting them to ***walk in light!*** You were once in darkness. These things belong to the world of darkness. But now you are the children of ***light.*** Walk as children of ***light.***
- **The man who is light in the Lord is a man who knows the way of salvation,** and he can explain it to others. Peter said (*1Pe 3:15*) *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness*

*and fear*; The believer can do that because he has an understanding of the one and only way of salvation, working it out, this great and glorious truth!

- **Now you are light in the Lord.** Not simply being enlightened, or coming into the light, which is true, but something much more wonderful! *Now you are light in the Lord.* The light has entered into the believer, irradiating his whole , possessing him, lighting him up!
- **Our hearts have been made light; the light has been put into them.** Not only does the believer have the eyes of his understanding enlightened, he has more. His whole body also is *full of light*, emphasizing the radical difference between the saved and unsaved, showing us the radical, most profound change that the man undergoes when he becomes a Christian. It affects his whole being, his personality, heart, understanding, affections, everything!

***Walk as children of light (1Th 5:5)*** *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness (Joh 12:35) Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. (Rev 21:24) And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.*

- **Realize the truth and then to apply it!** Jesus had said the whole thing before His death, when He said, **(Joh 8:32)** *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Joh 17:17) Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*
- **Here is the word of truth, and as the truth comes to us and we see it and understand it, we then must go on to apply it.** Previously we were told to walk in love! Here we are also told to walk in the light—**walk in light now.** He says *the fruit of the Spirit is in 'all goodness and righteousness and truth: ... Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them ... All things that are exposed are made manifest by the light... Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."* Notice the powerful argument of contrasting light with darkness!
- **The difference between Christian and non-Christian is the difference between being in the light and being in the dark.** Jesus said, **(Joh 8:12)** *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* He also said, **(Mat 5:14-15)** *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.* Because of our relationship to Him, we become the light of the world. A Christian is to be like a 'city set upon a hill, which cannot be hidden!
- **The coming of truth into the world expressed in terms of light.** It was said of Christ, **(Joh 1:4-5)** *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (Joh 1:9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.*
- **John's First Epistle (1Jn 1:5)** *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.* Ample evidence to show that this is a most important aspect of the truth. It is not surprising that the Apostle takes it up to reinforce and to press home what he has already been saying in our text and context.

***Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), (Gal 5:22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,***

- **To help remember the characteristics of the light**, he divides the natural light, into *goodness, righteousness, and truth*,—all goodness, all righteousness, and all truth. May we consider these three most important words.
- **The fruit of light is in all goodness, which one of the characteristics of God Himself.** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. In (*Rom 2:4*) *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?* —the goodness of God! God is good! Goodness means benevolence.
- **A good man is a balanced man, a man in whom everything that is noble and excellent works together.** The good man is a man who thinks about love, beauty, and truth. He is concerned in turn to alleviate suffering, to mitigate wrongs, always looking for opportunities to do this! It is a complete contrast, therefore, to the unfruitful works of darkness, which are of no benefit or value to anybody.
- **God is good to all. And the Christian in turn should be good to all.** Christ says, *‘I am the light of the world’*, and goes on to say, *‘You are the light of the world’*. As He was and is, good to all, we must be good to all in the same way.
- **Righteousness means conformity to law.** It means uprightness, and a manifesting of justice. It means in fact being right! You test the rightness, the uprightness, of a wall or a door by using a plumbline. That supplies the whole idea of *righteousness*. The Apostle is saying that *righteousness* is the characteristic of the Christian man.
- **He is right and just in and of himself: in his own handling of himself** what he does is upright and just, and he is fair also in his treatment of others. He is not a selfish man, neither is he a man who is governed by prejudices. He is not governed by his impulses and his thoughts, he wants to know what is right, what is just, what is equitable, what is really fair to his fellowman. He loves his neighbour as himself. *Righteousness* lies in a perfect conformity to the law, not to the letter only but also to the spirit.
- **A common characteristic of the non-Christian life is lawlessness**, every man for himself, with no thought about others! Most of the troubles and problems are due to an absence of this righteousness. There is no *goodness*, there is no *righteousness*, which always go together. Paul said (*Rom 1:18*) *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness*, The absence of godliness is always followed by the absence of righteousness
- **Truth is a most important and vital element**, meaning no deceit, dishonesty, hypocrisy, or pretense. No! its characteristics are that it is open and above-board and transparent. (*Eph 5:13*) *But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light*. Light exposes everything, which is the effect of truth within the personality.
- **The Christian is an open man, who has nothing to conceal or to hide.** He is what he is by the grace of God, very different from that other type of man, whose whole life is lived in deceit. The Christian is what he is because of the truth of God, for this truth has entered him and possessed him, resulting in his life being characterized by truth in all its varied and glorious manifestations.

***Eph 5:10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*** (*Rom 12:1-2*) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

- **The difference between a good man and a Christian man!** The Christian has become *light in the Lord*, having a knowledge which he lacked before. Darkness is characterized by ignorance, whereas light is characterized by knowledge and understanding and, above all, by a knowledge of GOD; not knowing about Him, but knowing HIM! (*Joh 17:3*) *And this is eternal life, that they*

*may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* It includes a knowledge about God open only to the Christian, and which all others lack.

- **Having knowledge of the Holy Spirit which non-believers lack!** Paul told the Corinthian Christians that (*1Co 2:14*) *But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* A man may have great intellectual powers and reasoning ability, but, if he is not a Christian, he is entirely ignorant of spiritual truths, seeing nothing in them, not understanding them.
- **The Christian man is taught by the Spirit to look at the Lord Jesus Christ.** You need to have eyes enlightened by the Holy Spirit before you can really see Jesus Christ and begin to see the marvel and the mystery of His Person. (*1Ti 3:16*) *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.* To the Christian this is the greatest thing in life!
- **The man who is light in the Lord is a man who knows the way of salvation,** and he can explain it to others. Peter says the same thing: (*1Pe 3:15*) *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*
- **He has a heart that can respond to it, having this new understanding and apprehension.** Believers have *light in the Lord*, their heart is light! They feel the power of the truth, the power of the word that is found here! They are moved by it.
- **He is light in the Lord, and the whole man is light in the Lord.** As the Apostle puts it in writing to the Romans, (*Rom 6:17b*) *yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.* He has obeyed from the heart the form of sound words' delivered to him. The complete man is engaged, showing that the Christian is a man has got light in his heart. His emotions are engaged, he desires holiness. He *must* desire holiness. He is sinless and perfect. Not at all! But though he sins he desires holiness; he hungers and thirsts after righteousness. The desire of his heart is to be delivered from sin. This is the relationship of his heart to these matters. His heart has become light in the Lord!
- **No longer speaking of works, but of fruit! for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.** We have been told to *'Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.'* But when he speaks of the light, he no longer speaks of *works*, but of *fruit*. It is now a matter of fruit. We are *His* workmanship, created anew *in* Christ Jesus *unto* good works. That is the way. A man must become light in the Lord; and when this happens he will begin to produce the fruit. Realizing that we are branches of the true Vine to produce fruit to the glory of God!
- **Finding out (to prove) what is acceptable unto the Lord'**. This is the key to --(*for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth*)-- for it provides the overriding principle which, if observed, will guarantee the three manifestations of the light within us. A parallel statement is (*Rom 12:1-2*) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove (dokimazō, dokimadzo) what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* In both passages the **word finding out, or prove** occurs. It is a term that was employed in the testing of precious metals, testing it by applying various acids, and observing the response, discovering what exactly it was, by applying the tests.
- **The Christian is governed by the need to 'prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God'.** The thing that proves that we are Christians is that, over and above everything else, our ultimate, our final consideration is our desire to seek and to know, to discover, the will of the Lord, in order that we may please Him. It is this personal relationship to this blessed Person.
- **The Christian is interested in virtues of goodness, righteousness, and truth; only because he is interested in the Lord.** Christ died that we might be the light of the world, that we might be

reflections of Him, that we might be like a city set upon a hill which cannot be hid, and like the light which is not put under a bushel but in a prominent place so that it irradiates its light throughout the entire room! Let your light, He says, so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 'The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' *'Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.'*

## ***Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of***

***darkness, (1Jn 1:7) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

- ***Not being partakers (vs. 7) now, having no fellowship!*** Now we are told that we must not even display an interest in, or even to talk about them in the wrong way. Many Christians are very much interested in forbidden things, in things of which it is a shame even to speak of them. The Christian is not only not to engage in evil practices or enjoy the so-called jokes about these things. He is no longer to consider them clever or funny or amusing or entertaining. He is to have no fellowship with them.
- ***Note the application of this – walks not; stands not; sits not! (Psa 1:1) Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners,*** The first thing he is not to do in his words, his life, his living, his conversation, his general manner of conduct, is not to be after the counsel of the ungodly.
- ***Secondly, 'nor stands in the path of sinners',*** is something a little more subtle. He must not half walk with them either, standing with them on the street corners, welcoming the ideas which they represent, in any shape or form. He is not to have a secret longing or hankering after those things which he no longer takes part in.
- ***Thirdly, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful,*** giving the impression that after all he has still got some sort of an interest in these matters and that there is something in him which still responds to them, something there which still makes an appeal to him.
- ***Have no fellowship at all with the unfruitful works of darkness.*** This is a very delicate and difficult principle to put into practice in daily life and living. It can be seriously misunderstood. Are we being told that we are to spend all of our time with Christians, never having any conversation with unbelievers? Note Paul's answer, ***(1Co 5:9-13) I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. [10] Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. [11] But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. [12] For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? [13] But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "PUT AWAY FROM YOURSELVES THE EVIL PERSON."***
- ***Distinction of believing transgressors - The context is important.*** If a person who belongs to the Church becomes guilty of evil practices; they are not to have any fellowship with him at all. Why? Because more is expected of him! He is a Christian, he must be reprimanded, he must be dealt with and punished. Paul talks about handing such a person over to Satan, for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit and soul may be saved. But he does not tell us (and this is the thing I am anxious to emphasize) that we are to have nothing to do with outsiders whom we know to be guilty of sin.
- ***We are to maintain contact with sinners in exactly the same way as our blessed Lord and Savior did.*** He sat with them; ate and drank with them. They drew near to Him. He did not refuse or reject them! He spoke to them, doing it in such a way that He had no fellowship whatsoever with the unfruitful works of darkness. In other words, as our Lord sat there and

mixed with the publicans and sinners, they did not indulge in evil and foul and suggestive talk; they did not do that in *His* presence, there was something about Him that prohibited that.

- **Maintain contact with unbelievers for their salvation**, but have no fellowship in their outlook, or in their talk. As they recognize our position as a believer and our profession of the name of the Lord, we can discuss other matters with them, but if they tend to bring in ugly and unclean things we are to show our disapproval, we are to show that we have no fellowship with them, we do not enjoy such things any more. The line is sometimes a very difficult one to draw, but I think we will always know when the time comes to do that. We can have fellowship with them without enjoying the things they are doing.
- **Let us maintain our contact with them, and our hold upon them, for their good and for their benefit**, *but let us have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness in any shape or form!* We must make it plain and clear to them that though we are interested in them as persons and as human beings, and though we may share certain common interests with them, we have no interest whatsoever in that which is sinful and harmful in their lives!

***but rather expose them.*** (2Co 6:14) *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.*

*For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

- **Do not** ---**But rather expose (reprove) them.** To expose, which is easily misunderstood, does not simply mean to reprimand, or to condemn, or to denounce. That was the attitude of the Pharisees who, when they saw these things, gathered up their robes and took themselves away. That Pharisaic attitude is the exact opposite of the Christian attitude. It is purely negative. It is very difficult not to act in this way when you see and read about disgusting and foul things, not to show horror, detestation, and abhorrence and not just to denounce it root and branch while keeping to the other side of the road. But that is not the Apostle's meaning.
- **Do!----****But rather expose them, meaning** to convince by means of evidence, to convict by means of giving enlightenment and understanding. It means that we are to throw light upon these things in such a manner that we really shall convince the person to whom we are speaking of the nature of what he is doing and what it means to his immortal and eternal soul.
- **We are not just to denounce evil things in and of themselves; instead, we are to throw upon them the whole light of the gospel.** In a loving and sympathetic and understanding manner, we are to talk to them about themselves and their souls and their whole relationship to God. We must get him to realize that he is *darkness*, that he has darkness within him, that he is dwelling in darkness, that his whole relationship to God is wrong, and that, if he goes on living like that until his death, then he will go to perdition.
- **Do what the Lord Jesus Christ did with the publicans and sinners;** He did not simply denounce their sins; He preached the gospel to them; He showed the love of God to them, having made them realize the character of the things that they were doing.
- **Reason ----We are not to cut ourselves off from these** people or to show our disgust or our superiority and our cleanliness! We are to expose in this right way, we are to talk the Gospel to these people. They will know that we are different, that we once took part in certain things but that we no longer do so. Our business is to let them know about the change that has come to us. We are to give them glimpses of a better life, a purer and a cleaner life, yes, and a life which is much more enjoyable.

***Eph 5:12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are***

***done by them in secret.*** (Rom 1:24) *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,*

- ***For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret*** . The manifestations of the godless life are darkness in the realm of the will also. They are, they are unfruitful, and they are shameful works. Those who do them are ashamed of their practices, preferring to do them under cover of darkness. Man, after all, was made in the image of God, and he shows it when he least suspects it. Though he does not believe in God, and does not believe in his own soul, though he is fallen and degraded, this sense of shame is in him still. Thank God for that!
- ***Though marred, man still has a sense of shame!*** Man is not an animal, not a machine. There is this in him that remains and abides. Even at his lowest and his vilest, he still knows something about a sense of *shame*. Even in these dark days, believers need to start with people on their own level, asking them, Why you do not practice things like this in broad daylight? Then try to bring them to see how their whole view of themselves, and of God, and of life, if it be not enlightened, will lead to disaster and final doom.

***Eph 5:13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (Joh 3:20-21) For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [21] But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."***

- ***But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light***, meaning that when anything is exposed and reproved by the light, it is made visible and clear. Shine the light of the gospel upon it, for ***'for whatever makes manifest (makes plain) is light!*** While we continue to hold conversation with unbelievers, while we maintain a social contact with them, we must desire to make them begin to feel that they are missing something tremendous.
- ***How did Jesus draw sinners to Himself?*** He was absolute purity and holiness yet drew people to Him like a magnet! There is something attractive about holiness, giving us a glimpse of something that is so different from our past, so much better, so much more wonderful than anything we know! Holiness ought to be attractive, loving, enticing, and charming. It should draw people. That is what is meant by exposing or reproving. We are to *expose* the unfruitful works of darkness by being light, by being what we are, in our conversation, in our speech, in our exposition of the gospel!
- ***When unbelievers deliberately try to annoy you and make you denounce them***, resist the temptation! Do not let them succeed! Never be merely negative, denouncing them, but in kindness, compassionately rebuke by showing something of the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Radiate upon them the light of the gospel. Remember that Christians are the light of the world and in your light they will see themselves and what they are doing as they have never done before, and they will long to be cleansed, to be washed, to be purified, to become holy, as you are holy, but above all as Christ is holy!

***Eph 5:14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light. (Isa 26:19) Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. " (Isa 60:1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.***

- ***This is a summary of the Gospel and what the Gospel does!*** The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. It will be a period of light! Arise and shine it is the light of the Gospel! No need of emphasis here, we know this!
- Come out of the darkness from a pagan, heathen world. Christ will give you light. ***(Mat 4:14-17) that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: [15] "THE LAND***

*OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES: [16] THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND UPON THOSE WHO SAT IN THE REGION AND SHADOW OF DEATH LIGHT HAS DAWNED." [17] From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

- **It is light! Therefore, it is the business of the Christian is to manifest this light!** The great characteristic of light is that it always exposes! Light makes manifest! It bring all things clearly forward. It exposes! That is the great characteristic of the Christian gospel. This is the primary function of the Christian. We can and need to test ourselves, whether we are behaving in this way and manner.
- **Oh! the love of God, that, looking upon such a world of darkness and of ignorance and of shame,** sending His only begotten Son to be the Light of the world, dying upon the cross, delivering and translating us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son! Are you concerned about the masses that are in this darkness? Are you moved to say, What can I do for these people? How can the light of the gospel and knowledge be brought to them?
- **There is *nothing* that can deal with the situation but such an outpouring of the Spirit of God during revivals,** such as have occurred in the past! The way to test whether we really do take these things seriously is to ask ourselves whether we are praying God to send us such a revival. Let us ask God to pour out His Spirit upon us, that the Church may be so filled with power that the men and women of this apathetic, godless, dark, ignorant, shameful generation will be compelled to listen, and compelled to think, and compelled to face God and their own eternal destiny.

## ***Closing Prayer***