

Review: Verse 7

Do not be **Partners/Partakers** GK: “partnering together with one”

Be GK: PIM Present Imperative Active in negative: “Stop becoming one with them”.

Verse 8

Were once darkness. Not just **in** darkness but were actually **DARKNESS!**

Urban Dictionary “Humor that’s viewed as morbid, cruel, offensive, & graphic in nature but still found funny.”

Darth Vader in black! Star Wars. Epitomizes desire to be Evil

Were GK: imperfect tense. Been a change! Now **light** in the Lord. GK: Light *phōs* **LIGHT itself**, not a lamp. Not just “enlightened”, but “LIGHT”! **II Cor 5:17** Dramatic Change!

Your daily actions show forth the light of God! Contrast Moses and the veil.

Live as kids of light! Live GK: Present imperative active. Continually choose to live as light not darkness!

I Peter 2:11-12 war against soul Talk more in chapter 6.

James 1:13- 15, 12 sinful nature always at work in us

Romans 7:21-25 wretched man **ENG:** very unfortunate in condition or circumstances; **miserable**; pitiable, sorrowful. Deeply afflicted, dejected, or distressed in body or mind

We daily face a choice in life in how we live. “rescue me from the shackles of body of death?”

Josh 24:14-15 as for me and my house, we will follow the Lord **Gal 5:16 - 17**

Titanic cultural battle happening in USA and around the world

We are not light for our own benefit but for others! We are Jesus’ reps walking around today testifying as if He Himself were physically walking around! **I John 1:7**

Verse 9 What does living AS LIGHT look like?

Goodness GK: positive moral qualities of the most general nature. Contrast ‘malice’ of Eph 4:31 -**HEART-Righteousness** GK/ENG: “morally correct behavior or thinking” Right-Living! Contrast Eph 5:3 covet -**MIND-Truth** GK: “content of that which is true & what actually happened. Contrast with the lies of” Eph 4:25 -**LIFE-**This is all in contrast to the Fruit of “darkness” in v11.

Verse 10:

Find out/proving GK: present active participle “to put to the test for the purpose of approving”

Romans 12:2 and **II Cor 13:5**

(is) GK: PIN **pleasing** GK: present indicative active “well pleasing” What’s going on in your life **RIGHT now.** How pleasing to the Lord? Not the past nor future. Devil desires to mire us down in guilt. **Phil 3:13**

Verse 11: 2 John 10 “don’t take them into your house - shares in their wicked ” **Cults!** Moses Golden Calf!

Nothing to do (participate/fellowship) GK: PIM present imperative active “become partaker 2gether w/ others”

Fruitless GK: “pertaining to being useless, in the sense of being unproductive” Fruit tree analogy.

Deeds GK: “that which one normally does” Their normal daily life is worthless. **I Cor 3:13** “fire test”

Expose GK: PIM “to reprove or rebuke so as to bring out conviction or confession of guilt.”

Trench says that the word “implies not merely the charge, but the truth of the charge, and further the manifestation of the truth of the charge; nay, more than all this, very often also the acknowledgment, if not outward, yet inward, of its truth on the part of the accused; it being the glorious prerogative of the truth in its highest operation not merely to assert itself, and to silence the adversary, but to silence him by convincing him of his error.”

Ephesians 5:8 – 16

What does this Trench comment look like in our lives? **McGee**: “by the light of his life he is a rebuke to the works of darkness.” **Gal 5:19-21** Lists the fruit of “darkness”.

How we talk, act, and react so greatly contrasts with darkness that people WILL take notice!

Trying to correct the unsaved’s behavior ineffective. They can only change after being born again.

McGee: “darkness is not dissipated by lecturing. Darkness is dissipated by light”

Verse 12:

Shameful/disgraceful GK: EX: “inappropriate conduct of the elder of the local church” National leaders who brought disgrace upon the name of Christ.

Your connection with them must only be that which the act of *reproof* necessitates

speak GK: Present Infinitive ‘ME: behavior so dark its shameful to mention the behavior let alone act like that’

There’s danger even dwelling on what “darkness” does. Thinking about it can open the door for temptation.

Diet: dessert that is sinfully delicious! We think about that sweet treat and before long we are hungry!

Sinful nature dwells inside us waiting for opportunity to act out in our lives. “Free Choice” **Gal 2:20** Die daily

Verse 13: ...

(the) all things: secret sins mentioned

Exposed/reproved GK: present passive/middle participle Passive in the Lord to shine through us. Middle our choice to be walking in and as light impacts us!

Becomes Visible GK: present indicative passive Fruitless deeds are receiving the action of being exposed.

Example of an Activity not being done correctly vs being done right. Bicycle hands on pedals feet handlebars

The manner in which we walk in our lives is a contrast to the “darkness” clearly exposing the lies of the darkness and their empty words.

Translation: But all the aforementioned things when they are reproved by the light are made visibly plain, for everything that is being made plain is light. (Wuest)

McGee: darkness is dissipated by the presence of light. Ever notice how people change their behavior around certain people when they are known to be a believer?

But everything (fruitless deeds) exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Exposed by the light: the light of Christ in our life exposes the “hidden” “dark” parts of world around us.

People can see the contrast between light and dark through us.

Verse: 14 Romans 13:11-14

Verse is a combination of references to several OT passages. Isaiah 26:19; 51:17; 52:1; 60:1

Focus on Romans 13:11-14

V11 Knowing GK: Perfect Participle Active

V11 Wake Up/Awake: GK: Aorist (reality of event w/o reference to a specific time) active

V12 - Put Aside: GK: Aorist (reality of event) Subjunctive as Imperative **Put On GK**: same as Put Aside Chp6

Verse: 15

Be/See GK: PIM “discern mentally, observe perceive, consider, contemplate, in sense of taking heed or care”

Careful GK: “exactly, accurately, carefully” How careful? **VERY!!**

Walk GK: PIN “order one’s behavior”

Plan our actions and reactions very carefully for how we live our lives and also respond to darkness. We can’t convict with badgering but only by being LIGHT in our daily lives.

Wuest: “Be constantly taking heed how accurately you are conducting yourselves.”

Verse: 16

Make MOST of EVERY **opportunity/Redeem** GK: Middle voice “buy up” “*to buy up for one’s self or one’s advantage*” Present passive & Middle participle. Passive means subject receiving action of verb. Middle means subject does action and that action impacts the subject. My take: The Lord prompts us to act a certain way. Our acting in acting as per his desire affects us in an ongoing fashion.

Time GK: Not ‘chronos’ normal word for time. ‘kairos’ *taking advantage of the opportunities that present themselves.*

The time we have to share is short.

We fill led to act, we need go keeping in mind that **God is responsible** for the results, not us!

Crowns: Quick review.

At the **Judgment Seat of Christ** (II Cor 5:10) **crowns** will be awarded:

The Crown of Rejoicing: I Thes 2:19

A reward for those who assist in the leading or actually lead one to Christ.

The Bible says that there is much rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents (Lk 15:7.)

The Incorruptible Crown: I Cor 9:25

A reward for those who strive to have mastery over the Old Man or sinful. Not that they ever reach “perfection”, but that s/he lives a separated life to God constantly cleansed by confession.

The Crown of Life: James 1:12

A reward for those who endure and abide under the trials we all encounter in our Christian walk.

The Crown of Righteousness: II Tim 4:8

A reward for all those who LOVE the Lord by keeping the faith and finishing their God assigned race.

The Crown of Glory: I Peter 5:4

A reward specifically for pastors, shepherds, and ministers to the flock.

Because the days **are GK: PIN evil. GK: “evil in active opposition to the good, pernicious.”**

Video of baseball size hailstones in Texas. In Tribulation, the hailstones will be 100 pounds!
YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THAT!!!

Applications to Us:

1. **How well are you making the most of every opportunity?**
 - a. Who is your light affecting in life?
 - b. Who in life is affecting your making the most of every opportunity?
 - 1) ?
 - 2) ?

2. How closely are you partnering with the darkness in daily life?