

Once you were in darkness but now You are Light in the Lord

March 19, 2017 – Ephesians 5:8-14

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with (Do not have fellowship with) the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, For it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

According to an E-mail from Consumers Energy – there were over 1 Million people out of power in Michigan due to the high winds of March 7-8, 2017. The same e-mail indicated that over 9,000 electric wires were down, and more than 1,300 poles were broken across the state. To get things up and running there were 3,400 people incorporated in the restoration of the electric power and an additional 166 utility crews came to help from Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana.

The power outage meant that a lot of people were in the dark. It is true that there are candles and flashlights, but it makes it a lot more difficult to see. Darkness is a problem. Sun Light is important. Without the sunshine the World would be nothing but a block of ICE.

There is an even greater problem than not being able to see in the dark. It is Spiritual Darkness.

Spiritual Darkness means that we do not see God, We do not know God, we cannot find God, and we do not know the way to heaven. Rather to continue to live in spiritual darkness means to spend eternity in the darkness of hell.

In our natural state of Spiritual Darkness we have nothing but shameful acts of disobedience.

As the Apostle Paul writes to the congregation in Ephesus, He states that the believers in Ephesus were:

Vs. 8 - You were ONCE Darkness. BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT!

How are we in the Light?

Jesus tells us when He says:

John 8:12 – “I AM the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of Life.”

Because Jesus is the Light of The World, it means that instead of spending eternity in darkness, you will spend eternity in His heavenly LIGHT.

As we wait and look forward to the day that we will live with Jesus forever in heaven, Jesus tells us to let our light shine through the writings in: ***Matthew 5:14-16 – You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 – Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 – in the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”***

Be a beacon of hope as you point people to Jesus Who is the One and Only Savior from sin, death and the devil.

Thank the Lord that He has brought you out of unbelief to belief in Jesus. AMEN