

Oxford Baptist church – Sept 22, 2019 – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Ephesian series: Transformed for Christ's Glory – Scripture:
Ephesians 5:8 – 17 – "Live Wisely in the Light."

Last week in Ephesians 5, we were called to be imitators of God. Paul continues to encourage us to live in the light of Jesus Christ and to live wisely. God isn't in the business of recycling us; touching things up, or renovating who we are or have us on a cruise to nowhere. He wants to make all things new; transforming us by exchanging His life for ours, giving us a plan and purpose for our life.

1. Live with your _____ v. 8-10

But now you are light in the Lord.

The dark bulb -" you were darkness."

The Lighted Bulb- Now you are light in the Lord. (Psalm 27:1; Isa. 60:19; Ps 119:105; v. 130; Isa. 49:6; John 1:9; John 8:12). Are we reflecting God's light in our life?

- **Turn on the Tri-light – Goodness (1Peter 4:19), Righteousness (1John 2:29) Truth (John 8:32).**
- **Power Source – Find out what pleases the Lord. v. 10**
- **The Light Exposes the Darkness. v.11-13**
- **The Light of Christ shines on you. v. 14**

2. Live _____: Be Careful Out There v. 15

Be careful, then, how you live---not as unwise but as wise.

"True Success is finding the Will of God and living in it throughout your Life."

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.

"Wisdom is Seeing things and doing things from God's point of view." - Read the Proverbs

3. Live with no _____ - Run to the Light and Penetrate the _____. V.16-17

Matt 5:14

Life Group Questions

1. Who was the wisest person you have ever met? Why were they wise?
2. Take time to review the verses on God being light? Why is this important for us in our Christian life?
3. Without Christ, we are in the darkness. With Christ, we are in the light. Discuss this in the group.
4. Why is pursuing Goodness, Righteousness and Truth evidence of living in the light of Christ?
5. How does verse 10 factor into this pursuit?
6. Discuss the second main point (v. 15) and why we need to live wisely in this age.
7. Take the challenge this month to read through the Proverbs and grow in Wisdom.
8. What is the difference between living unwisely vs living wisely in our daily living? Give some examples.
9. Share an unwise decision you made that has led to regrets?
10. How has the Lord helped you through your regrets?
11. Why is it important not to be living life in isolation but join with others who are living with their lights on?