

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Children of Light” – Part IV – Ephesians 5:8-16

I. Introduction.

- A. The importance of night vision in modern warfare.
- B. Today’s text: Ephesians 5:8-16

II. Exposition

A. Verse 11 – “Expose them.”

- 1. Variant reading is to R_____

B. Verse 12 – “Disgraceful.”

- 1. Addresses the gossip spirit.

C. Verse 13 – “Exposed by the light.”

- 1. Is it bringing to light the knowledge of the sin or something else?
- 2. Pastor Don’s sense is “the light” is the light of God’s Word.
 - a. Psalm 119:105, 130
 - Proverbs 6:23
 - Hebrews 4:13
 - II Timothy 3:11

- b. Note awkward translation.

D. Verse 14 – “Awake sleeper.”

- 1. An adaptation of Isaiah 60:1.
- 2. Perhaps based upon an early Easter hymn.
 - a. Total Depravity is still in view.
 - 1. Paul is harking back to Ephesians 2:1-10.
 - 2. “Awake sleeper” refers to the awareness and need for forgiveness.
 - 3. “Arise from the dead” is a call to repentance similar to Isaiah 55:6-7.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Do you expose vile deeds of darkness or do you go along with them?
- B. Do you wear the night vision goggles?
- C. Are you here and still asleep?
 - 1. Today is your day. Repent and Christ will shine in you.