



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:4-6 (NAS)

“From Darkness To Light”

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| 4 | But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; |
| 5 | for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; |
| 6 | so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. |

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever

I. REVIEW

- A. Eschatology
- B. Called To Please The Lord
- C. God Desires Our Sanctification
 - 1. Abstain from all forms of sexual immorality
 - 2. Increased love for the brethren
 - 3. Diligent in our work, not busy bodies
- D. Encouragement And More Teaching Where Needed
- E. Admonition In Areas Of Previous Knowledge

II. WE ARE NOT OF THE DARK

- A. Darkness Is The Condition Of All Unbelievers
- B. Darkness Is The Absence Of Illumination
- C. Away From The Knowledge Of God *I John 1:5*
 - 1. He has given light *Psalms 118:27*

- 2. His Word is a source of light *Psalms 119:105*
- 3. The light of His countenance (favor & friendship) *Psalms 4:6-8*
- 4. Separation and alienation from God's presence *Matthew 25:30; Romans 3:10-12*

D. Darkness Rebels Against The Law Of God *Ephesians 5:11*

- 1. There is a love of darkness *John 3:18-19*

III. WE ARE OF THE LIGHT

- A. Light Is The Antithesis Of Darkness
- B. We Perceive Ourselves As Image Bearers Of God
- C. Light Reveals God's Glory *II Corinthians 4:6*
- D. Light Begins With A New Heart *Ezekiel 36:26*
 - 1. Hearing the teaching of the gospel *Acts 26:18*
 - 2. We have knowledge though as yet imperfect *I Corinthians 13:12*
- E. We Are In Fellowship With God *I Corinthians 1:9; John 3:20; 8:12*
- F. Leads Into Fellowship With Other Believers *I John 1:6-7*
- G. Those In The Light Proclaim The Light *Acts 17:2,3*