

Piercing the Darkness

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that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

You are children of Light

- If You are children of Light
then
Who is everyone else?

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... and learning how to 'pierce the
darkness' for the purpose of
directing people from darkness to
the light.

we are people of the light.

Jesus said, **“While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”**

John 12:36

Paul said,
**“For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of
the night or of the darkness.”**

1Thess. 5:5

Jesus told Paul,
“But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have
appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint
you as a servant and witness to the things in
which you have seen me and to those in which
I will appear to you,
17 delivering you from your people and from
the Gentiles — to whom I am sending you
18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn
from darkness to light and from the power of
Satan to God, that they may receive
forgiveness of sins and a place among those
who are sanctified by faith in me.”(Acts 26:16)

Are you in the light or in the dark?

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
Eph 5:8

Here God tells us through Paul ... that, if in fact, you have come to Jesus for salvation, if you are now a child of the light ... walk as if you are!

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2. learn how to bring others out of darkness and into God's light.

**Do we think we know what it means
to walk in the light?**

Jesus said walking in the light will
make you different from others:

Luke 6:31-35

How do feel about being different
from your worldly friends?

Jesus implied that there will be times that we don't want to walk in the light.

“Men do not light a lamp and put it under a bucket. They put it on a lamp-stand and it gives light for everybody in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”. (Matthew 5:15,16)

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2. Walking in darkness ourselves.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2Co 6:14

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-This was Paul's mission

**Paul's mission . . .
is our mission as a church**

Why does darkness even exist?.

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2Co 4:3,4

The result is The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.. **1Co 2:14**

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For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.
Romans 11:25

Yes, to this day whenever Moses
(scripture) is read a veil lies over
their hearts..

(2Corinthians 3:15)

How do we pierce the darkness?

Here is Paul's answer:

2Co 3:14-16 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed..

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Here is how Paul did it.

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1Co 2:2

Only one thing goes through the
veil.

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veil.

That is Jesus Christ and Him
crucified. Turn your eyes upon
Jesus ... and turn conversations
with your lost friends onto Jesus
and Him crucified. That is piercing
the darkness with the light of the
gospel.

