

CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Read: Ephesians 5:8-14

Friday, March 9, 2018, 21st Day of Lent

“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your lives as children of light. Light produces fruit that consists of goodness, justice, and truth.” Ephesians 5: 8-9 CEB

A lot of you will have to look this up on YouTube. I recently recalled a song made popular by Johnny Cash in my younger years called “*I Saw the Light*.” It was originally done by Hank Williams, Sr. circa 1948, but many artists have recorded it. The first stanza and refrain go: *I wandered so aimless; life filled with sin. I wouldn't let my dear savior in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord! I saw the light. /I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness; no more night. Now I'm so happy; no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord; I saw the light.* Such simple but powerful words! Words that pretty much reflect the scripture printed above. Before Jesus – darkness, sin and sorrow. After Jesus – light and happiness. This truly is redemption.

As redeemed people, we not only see the light of Jesus, but Paul tells us that we become the light of Jesus. He also says that we produce wonderful fruit when we live our lives as children of light.

Light is goodness; light illuminates injustices; light reveals truth; light chases away fear. Each one of us IS the LIGHT of CHRIST to a dark and hurting world. In this Lenten season and forevermore, we need to live in every aspect of our lives as children of light, as the EASTER PEOPLE we truly are. We never know who may be watching us. In the actions revealed in our light, maybe someone will see the light of Jesus and also become a child of light.

Prayer: Father of the Light, we ask that our Jesus-light may illuminate your love, joy, goodness, justice and truth to everyone whom we encounter. We want to banish the darkness, and reveal the good fruit of knowing Jesus in this Lenten season and beyond. Lord, help us to be able to proclaim loudly, “I saw the light,” as we help others to be able to claim the redemption message as well. In the light of Christ that shines on us, we pray. Amen.

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