

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light. [Ephesians 5:8](#) NKJV

Hello family,

Have you been paying attention to the news at all lately?

How many times just in the last month have you read or heard a news story that seemed so incredibly goofy or insane that you had to wonder to yourself if it could really be true?

How about society as a whole? Yikes! There's some intense silliness, right?

Common sense does not seem to be that common anymore.

What about common courtesy? Yikes, what does that mean?

Treat others the way you would like to be treated? Whaaaaat?

In the world today it seems that the new normal is to be as rude, crude, and as full of yourself as you possibly can be until somebody else comes along who is and even demonstrates that they are ruder, cruder, and even more full of themselves.

You don't see people respecting one another like they used to either.

The world seems to be encouraging people toward behavior and lifestyles that clearly demonstrates a complete lack of self respect let alone respect for others.

Morality, ethics, honor, integrity, all words that are either disappearing from the worlds vocabulary or being redefined as something empty and useless.

Direction, goals, steadfastness, work ethic, these things no longer seem to be of any importance and certainly are not being taught.

In this ginormous societal mess how will the world know that there is another way? How will they know about God and His love for sinners?

Christians can tell them, but we also need to show them by living what we tell them that we believe. Not just talking the talk but also walking the walk.

If we would consistently put our faith into action the darkness of the world would see the light of the Lord and would know that there is a better way, God's way.

Let's start right where we are by applying God's standards to our lives and by being prepared to tell someone why we live the way we do.

Prepared to tell them that because of being in a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we don't have to live like the world, we can live for Him and by His standards; and so could they if they believe and receive Him as their personal Savior and Lord. Let's make sure that we are prepared to tell them.

Let's make sure that we are living in such a way that they will listen.

In Christ's love,

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