

HOLD IT UP TO THE LIGHT!

Ephesians 5:11-13

INTRO:

- A. Paul told the Ephesians not to partake of evil but to expose it to the light.
- B. It is important that we hold up the light to our own lives as well as to false doctrine.

I. THE LIGHT OF TRUTH

- A. Some love darkness. John 3:18-21
- B. Light exposes error. Ephesians 5:13
- C. God's word is light. Psalm 119:104-105
 - 1. It is perfect. Psalm 19:7-11
- D. Just as God is light. I John 1:5-7

II. EXPOSING ERROR

- A. God is too good to punish. Matthew 25:41,46
- B. Once saved, always saved. Gal. 5:1-4; 2 Peter 2:20-22
- C. The kingdom hasn't come yet. Mark 9:1; Col. 1:12-14
- D. Different roads to heaven. Matthew 7:13-14
- E. Nothing to do to be saved. Matthew 7:21

III. THE MIRROR OF TRUTH

- A. The perfect law of liberty. James 1:21-25
- B. See the works of the flesh. Galatians 5:19-21
- C. Or see the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

CONCLUSION:

- A. When you shine the light of God's word on your life and your beliefs, how do you measure up?
- B. Only by obeying Christ, doing the will of the Father, can we have eternal life.
- C. Won't you compare your life now to the truth and begin to fix what is broken while you have time?