

# SHINNING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

Lesson #9 -Darkness of False Peace  
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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## Introduction:

1. Many in darkness are comfortable and disdain the light that would challenge their ways.
2. We must let our light shine through the darkness of false peace.
3. We allow our light to shine by first knowing...

## I. WHY MANY HEED THE DOCTRINE OF FALSE PEACE

### A. SOME DENY THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1. Many are striving to remove God from our culture today
2. God continues to exist whether or not man believes in Him -Ro 1:20-23

### B. SOME BELIEVE HE IS TOO LOVING TO CONDEMN

1. On one hand, God is love -1Jn 4:8, Jn 3:16, 15:13
2. God is also just and sin must be punished -Mt 7:21-23, 25:41-46

### C. SOME HAVE A FALSE PERCEPTION OF HIS GRACE

1. Some believe that once a person becomes a Christian, he can do no wrong
2. God chastens those He loves -He 12:7-9
3. We continue to walk in the light as He is in the light -1Jn 1:5-7

*After we identify the trouble, we then look to some strategies of letting our light shine before men.*

## II. HOW WE LET OUR LIGHT SHINE

### A. LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE -Ph 1:21

1. We must not allow the world to influence us, rather we are to be the influence -Mt 5:13-16
2. We are the ones to set the example before others -1Ti 4:12

### B. PREACH / TEACH THE TRUTH IN LOVE -Ep 4:15

1. This is to love the sinner and hate the sin
2. Some examples from Paul:
  - a. The Philippian jailor -Ac 16:28
  - b. The men of Athens -Ac 17:16

### C. ENDURE TO THE VERY END

1. Paul's counsel to Timothy -2Ti 4:1-5
2. Paul's valedictory -2Ti 4:6-8

## Conclusion:

1. Shinning the light before those living in false peace is not easy because they love the darkness -Jn 3:19-20
2. We however, must continue to be steadfast in the Lord -1Co 15:58