

# Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M. "**WALKING IN LIGHT**" Ephesians 5:8-14

Next Week – "**WALKING IN WISDOM**" Ephesians 5:15-17

Wednesday Morning Studies

9:30 A.M. – 1 Samuel – At the Church

## HUNGER AND THIRST

Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
because they will be filled.— Matthew 5:6

Hunger and thirst are the body's way of telling us that we are "empty." Our natural response to physical hunger and thirst is to seek food and water to satisfy our need. Each Christian has an inner longing that only Christ's righteousness can satisfy. But we cannot be filled with righteousness if we are filled with self. Throughout the Scriptures God emphasizes that the one who longs for Him with all his heart will find Him (Jer. 29:13). As we crave righteousness, we will repent of our sin, and God will remove it from us. Our selfishness will be replaced by the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22–23). The Spirit will make us to be like Christ.

Righteousness is not to be taken lightly, nor is it easily attained. Holy God does not give His righteousness to people indiscriminately. He gives it to those who know they cannot live without it. Our desire for personal righteousness must be powerful, all-consuming, dominating everything we do. Pursuing righteousness means that we value the opinion of God far more than we treasure the opinions of people.

Righteousness is not merely an absence of sin. It is allowing God to fill us with His holiness (Rom. 6:11). It is being like Christ. Jesus is our model of One who sought God's righteousness first, and then the Father glorified Him. We are not only to seek the kingdom of God, but we are also to pursue His righteousness (Matt. 6:33). If we will hunger and thirst for righteousness, we *will* be satisfied!

Experiencing God Day by Day: A Devotional and Journal.

## Light - phōs

In Classical Greek usage, the basic meaning of *phōs* (5457; English *phosphorus*, etc.) is light and brightness and conveys the ideas of sunlight, daylight, torchlight, firelight, and so forth. In other words, it refers to light itself, not the *source* of light, such as the sun, a torch, fire, or a lamp. Even early in secular usage, it was also used figuratively "to mean the sphere of ethical good, whereas misdeeds are said to take place in darkness." All that was carried over into NT usage but intensified all the more by its identification with Christ.

The Christian, therefore, is to walk in light. Since we were once "darkness, but now are . . . light in the Lord," we are to "walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). In other words, we conduct ourselves according to light, the light of Christ and His Word. As He is the Light (John 1:4; 8:12) and is the Word who became flesh (1:14), then it is His Word in which we are to walk.

What seems obvious about darkness and light is that they cannot coexist. If you turn on a light in a dark room, darkness flees. But it's not as obvious in practical application. People talk much about "gray areas" of conduct, avoiding the terms *right* or *wrong* and *truth* or *error*. But the Scripture contains no such "gray areas." Conduct is either moral or immoral, good or bad, true or false.

What, then, are the "attributes" of light? Generally speaking, light pictures two basic thoughts.

**First**, in regard to the *intellect*, light pictures *truth*. So, to walk according to light means that we walk according to truth. No longer are we ignorant, for the truth of Jesus Christ is in us. Moreover, walking according to light means that we are growing in the knowledge of Christ day by day.

**Second**, in regard to *morality*, light pictures *holiness*. To walk according to light means that we live a pure, holy life; we walk as holy people. All that we say and do shines forth the light of Christ that is in us (cf. Eph. 4:17–32).

J. D. Watson, *A Word for the Day*

## LIGHT/DARKNESS

There are two degrees of darkness, according to our Lord.

**First is the darkness that is absolute**—where there has never been any light. That is the darkness of the heathen.

**But the second is another degree of darkness and more intense**—the darkness that follows rejected light.

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