The questions we are asking …

Ephesians 5:8
For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
Am I / Are we walking in the light?

1 John 1:5
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Psalm 36:9
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Proverbs 20:27 (NIV)
The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord that sheds light on one's inmost being.

Isaiah 50:10-11a (NLT)
Who among you fears the Lord and obeys his servant? If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the Lord and rely on your God. 11 But watch out, you who live in your own light and warm yourselves by your own fires.

When the Bible speaks of divine light, it means God has made Himself known in a way that fundamentally changes how people must live.

Nothing will ignite or revive your life like walking in the light!

Ephesians 5:2
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Our walk fundamentally flows from our will (*intention, choice, commitment, decision*).

Ephesians 5:3-4a
But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place …

The light of the Lord redefines what is acceptable without compromise. → We must hear the call to "come out! = separation

→ We must embrace the calling of consecration

2 Corinthians 6:17

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you

Separation & Consecration:

a) Be careful what we tolerate or accept

b) Give cooperation in the holy mop up operation

c) There is an increase of light → a "shining"

d) Our attitude is important

Ephesians 5:4-7

Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. [5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not become partners with them

Attitude Check:

- **Spiritual thanksgiving: I/we do not feel that I am missing out on something good by dealing radically with sin in my life and by not sinning**

Attitude Check:

- **Spiritual seriousness is not a threat to my/our joy …**

Attitude Check:

- **Keep the Cross operative and powerful in my life & at RBCC**

Ephesians 5:9-10

Walk as children of light [9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10] and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

The light of the Lord deals with us in a fundamental way:

a) Our interests and ambition are increasingly singular: to please the Lord b) We must discern → think

c) We are a transformational presence → Gospel people

Ephesians 5:11-14

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "*Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you*."

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16]making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Embrace and surrender to God's will of being.

Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit …

Be Filled with the Spirit:

- **A command (not a proposal)**
- **Plural**
- **Present tense (continuous/ongoing)**
- **Passive (*Let the Holy Spirit fill you)***

Ephesians 5:19-21

… addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.