

Face the Light and Flee the
Darkness

Light and Darkness

- God communicates our spiritual battle with extreme language
 - Light and Darkness
 - Sin and Spirit
- The movements we see among churches look at the softer language
 - Freedom in Christ
 - Saved by Grace
 - God knows my heart

- Rom 6:11-23 Slavery
- Gal 5:16-18 Sinful nature desires what is contrary to the spirit
- James 4:4 Friendship with the world is hatred toward God
- Rom 12:2 Don't conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed...
- Rom 8:12 We have an obligation

Transformation

- Get off the sidelines/out of the class and into the fight
- Brothers are a must
- We can apply ourselves to transformation or wait for God to transform us his way.
- We must transform

We are all being transformed

- Sin transforms
- Spirit transforms
- That's why God does not see a mix of the two. It's one of the other.
- What kind of transformation are you undergoing?

Sin's Transforming Power

- Rom 1:18-23 Truth about God Suppressed, thinking made futile, foolish hearts darkened
- Eph 4:17 Darkened in understanding, ignorance, hardened hearts
- I Cor 5: A little yeast
- I Cor 6: I will not be mastered by anything

How does is Harden/Darken?

- Saved by Faith not works
- Sins
 - Sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, envy, drunkenness, orgies, greed.
- Addictions
- Who's in control:
 - Joy, security, sense of worth, strength

How does is Harden/Darken?

- II Cor 4:18 Seen vs. Unseen
- Col 2:20 Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch
- Sin replaces God. Transforms us to one who is conformed to the pattern of this world
- Matt 7:24-27

Must solve the problem

- Study God's word, see his plan
- Prayer
- It's only the beginning
- Address the addiction
- Long difficult battle
- The sin must be replaced

Spiritual transformation

- Sin's power and destructive nature is seen and understood
- Grow to hate sin in self and others
 - See it's addictive nature living in others
- Separate the sinner from sin and eventually love you enemies
 - Matt 9:36
- Mercy

What kind of Transformation is at work in you?
