

4. THE _____ AND _____

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received (Ephesians 4:1b)."

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ (Ephesians 4:15)"

"But as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct (1 Peter 1:15)."

Thought for the Week:

2 Corinthians 6:14 says, *"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"*

_____ in the _____

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Darkness and Light

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them (Ephesians 5:8-11).

Introduction:

The **TWO SPIRITUAL STATES** in which mankind lives:

FOR: Greek **GAR:**

*"For (GAR) of this you can be sure: No **IMMORAL, IMPURE** or **GREEDY** person--such a person is an **IDOLATER**--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:5).*

Everyone worships something.

We all have idols in our lives.

We all desire to be in a relationship.

The first spiritual state is _____:

1. What the **WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL** offers it to their followers

"Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life" (Galatians 6:8).

Isaiah 64:6 says this about the works of the flesh, *“All of us have become like one who is **UNCLEAN**, and all our righteous acts are **LIKE FILTHY RAGS**,”*

The unrighteous are _____ to sin.

Ask yourselves, does the slave tell the evil master what to do.

Unbelievers do not have the choice not to sin. It is their nature to sin. They are darkness

THE SECOND SPIRITUAL STATE IS _____

2. What God offers to His followers

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

There are FOUR EXPRESSIONS these **TWO SPIRITUAL STATES**:

1. **THE _____ AND _____**:

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (Romans 1:18-19, NKJV).

2. **THE _____ AND _____**:

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7).

3. **THE _____ AND _____**:

These believers know Jesus as savior and believe He is Lord, but He is not the Lord of their lives.

Romans 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.”