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> How does this passage describe the concept of light and darkness? Light = goodness, righteousness, truth...things that are acceptable to the Lord. Darkness = unfruitful and shameful actions.

> How are we to respond to works of darkness (vv. 11-14)? Do not join in, but expose the sinful actions for what they are.

Application

Just as day and night are different, so too should the life of a believer when compared with the life of an unbeliever.

> Look up John 8:12. What does this verse add to the concept of us being in the light? Being in the light is being in Christ, the Light of the world, from Whom we receive direction/truth for life.

> How should we go about exposing darkness for what it is? Focus on living in a godly way so people can see the difference; be willing to address sin issues in a way that encourages holiness.

> What should our light reveal about who Christ is? What people see in us should portray the truth, love and power of Christ.

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