God's Makeover Plan

Ephesians 5:7-14

- I. Our changed life as believers <u>pleases the Lord</u> who saved us (Ephesians 5:7-10).
 - A. Since we have come from spiritual darkness to light, we can live transformed lives (5:7-8).
 - B. God produces spiritually good fruit in believers (5:9)
 - C. The result of living godly lives is that we please God (5:10).
- II. Our changed life as believers <u>attracts unbelievers</u> to Christ (Ephesians 5:11-14).
 - A. We must have nothing to do with the sin of the world so that our live shows the difference Christ makes (5:11-14a).
 - B. When we "wake up" spiritually, God uses our changed life to attract people to Christ and the gospel (4:14b)!

Paraphrase of Ephesians 5:7-14

- {7} So stop living the unbeliever's sinful lifestyle. {8} Once you lived darkly ignorant, but now through Christ you can live holy lives! So live like holy children. {9} Our salvation should yield all kinds of generosity, righteousness and integrity. {10} The ultimate result is that our life truly pleases the Lord.
- {11} Stop participating in a lifestyle that has no good results because it is truly evil. Rather let your life expose theirs. {12} For it is shameful to even talk about what unbelievers do secretly. {13} Their lifestyle will be seen for what it really is {14} by our life. And like our song says, the result is that, "When we wake up spiritually, Christ is seen through us by the unbeliever!

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