



**ALL THINGS  
IN CHRIST**

*an Ephesians study*

**HUB GROUP NOTES | SEPTEMBER 26, 2021  
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According to Lynch, Thrall and McNicol, six things happen when we don't let our sin and brokenness be healed:

1. We become highly sensitized to our sin and become self-appointed judges of what's wrong with others.
2. We lose objectivity in a crisis and we become the issue. We are unable to evaluate a problem in a healthy way and ultimately become the problem because "all things are about me."
3. We hide our sinful behavior and become vulnerable to more sin. Blame, denial and fear drive us right into the arms of more sin.
4. We are unable to be loved or to love. When we hide, the real us, never gets to experience the love that God and others have for us.
5. We become susceptible to wrong life choices. Unresolved brokenness may cause us to flee our current situation or shrink back from a job that we are suited for or reject the truth about dysfunctional relationships, etc.
6. We attempt to control others in order to ensure that we will be seen as right and keeps us from being healed.

1) Which of the six results of unresolved sin can you identify with?

2) Which of the six do you have questions about or want to talk more about?

**Read Ephesians 5:8-14**

3) In vs. 8, Paul says who we were and who we are now, "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

How can it be true that we are children of light and still struggle with darkness at the same time?

The process of maturing takes trust, obedience, time, etc. Babies look very different from the mature adult they will one day become; but their DNA is identical. So the new “me”, born as a babe in Christ, has the DNA of Christ. One day who I am in my spiritual DNA will be evident—like Him!

4) Paul exhorts the church to expose unfruitful works of darkness (v. 11) to make them visible (v. 13). When and how should a Christian expose/reveal an unfruitful work of darkness in his/her life?

What personally keeps you from being known in certain areas of your life? How do you think that has hurt you over time?

When and how should a Christian expose/reveal an unfruitful work of darkness in another person's life?

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2021 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people - the Nyamwezi - by 2030.