

## ***Commandery Devotion September 2017***

Sir Knights,

This month I want to examine a few words the Apostle Paul had to say about "light".

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "<sup>[8]</sup>*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light* <sup>[9]</sup>*(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),* <sup>[10]</sup>*finding out what is acceptable to the Lord*" *Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV*. You may remember from English grammar that what is in parenthesis may be omitted without changing the meaning of the sentence. If we do that in this case, Paul's instructions were, "*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord*"

Paul says things a little differently here than we have read before. Paul says we are light in the Lord. Light itself, not a lamp, not reflected light, but light itself. But, lest we think something of ourselves, he adds that this is only because we are "in the Lord". Because of our relationship with God through salvation, we are light. This being the case, Paul instructs, "Walk as children of the light". Earlier in his letter he told the Ephesians, "to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called" *Ephesians 4:1 NKJV*.

Paul sends a clear message to walk properly, that is, in our case, to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting Christian Masons and Knights Templar. How's your walk?

Next month I want to continue examining this verse and Paul's phrase, "finding out what is acceptable to the Lord."

God bless you as you serve Him.

*Grace and peace,  
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