

# Out of the Dark and Into the Light

Ephesians 5:8-14

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<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

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*<sup>5</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2

*...Walk as children of light v. 8*

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*Therefore be imitators of God... Ephesians 5:1*

*<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*1 John 1:5*

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*<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

2 Corinthians 4:4

*<sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.*

Isaiah 5:20

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*<sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.*

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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*<sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness*

Romans 4:5

*<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

1 John 2:29

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v. 11

*<sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—  
<sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.*

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

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1 John 1:5-7

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