

## Walk as Children of Light

**Let no one deceive you with empty [vain] words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons [children] of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.** (Ephesians 5:6-8)

As noted under walking honestly, God considers us to be children of the day. To expand on this truth, God made us as light in the Lord—we are children of light. Furthermore, we are children of light because we are children of God who is light—He is righteous, and in Him there is no darkness (I John 1:5). As God in the flesh, Jesus proclaimed that He is the light of the world—He embodied the righteousness of God—and prophetically exhorted His disciples to walk in the light and not in the darkness (sinfulness) of the world (John 8:12; 12:35-36). We should live each day, therefore, as in the light because we are children of light.

The light of God exposes the deeds (works) of darkness—those things done in accordance with sin; therefore, we are not to join with others in doing those things. We need to depend on the strength of God and the work of His Spirit in and through us by putting on the armor of light (Romans 13:12-14). We need to remember that God considers us righteous through the shed blood of Christ (Romans 3:21-22; 5:17-19; 10:8-10), and should endeavor to live in that light instead of darkness.

**Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose [reprove] them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them [nonbelievers—Ephesians 5:3-6] in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on [through] you.”** (Ephesians 5:11-14)

**Do not be bound together with [tied or committed to] unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness [unrighteousness], or what fellowship has light with darkness?** (II Corinthians 6:14)