

## LIVE AS LIGHT, LIVE IN LIGHT

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**MAIN IDEA:** As this world becomes increasingly darker, you were made to shine with increasing brightness. Today, Living as God's light, living in God's light & how it relates to the darkness around us.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live [walk] as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. **Ephesians 5:8-10**

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **1 John 1:5**

In him [Jesus] was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **John 1:4-5** (1:9; 9:5; 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5)

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. **John 8:12**

**Light/darkness in Bible:** (2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Cor. 4:5; Col. 1:12; 1 Thess. 5:5)

**Light is your IDENTITY.** "Once were/But now are"

**Light *In the Lord*...**

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. **John 12:46**

**Walk [Live] is *moving somewhere***

**What does "light" mean?**

- **Good**, benevolence, generous
- **Right**, dealing with integrity with God and people; *Orbiting around God!*
- **True**, reality, the way things truly are.

<sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. **Eph. 5:11-13**

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **John 3:19**

**Create SEPARATION** and distance with dark elements in your life.

**EXPOSE dark and false things** for what they are.

**Walk in and OUT INTO THE LIGHT...**

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly... **John 3:20-21** (see 1 John 1:5-7)

<sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." **Ephesians 5:14**

We may be light, **but still need awakening!**

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. **1 John 2:9**

***"If you want me to shine in the night, keep me in the light."***