

**WALKING AS CHILDREN OF
LIGHT**



EPHESIANS 5: 8

- *“for at one time you were **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord. **Walk as children of light.**”*
- Past: “you **were** darkness”
- Present: “you **are** light”
- Application: “Walk as children of light”



NT COMMANDS

1. Invitation to be like HIM
2. Because of what Christ has done

give serve
forgive pray
mercy
holy
love perfect
separate light



GOD IS LIGHT



- 1 John 1:5 *“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 Tim 6:16 *“, who dwells in **unapproachable light**”*
- Mat 17:2 *“his **face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.**”*



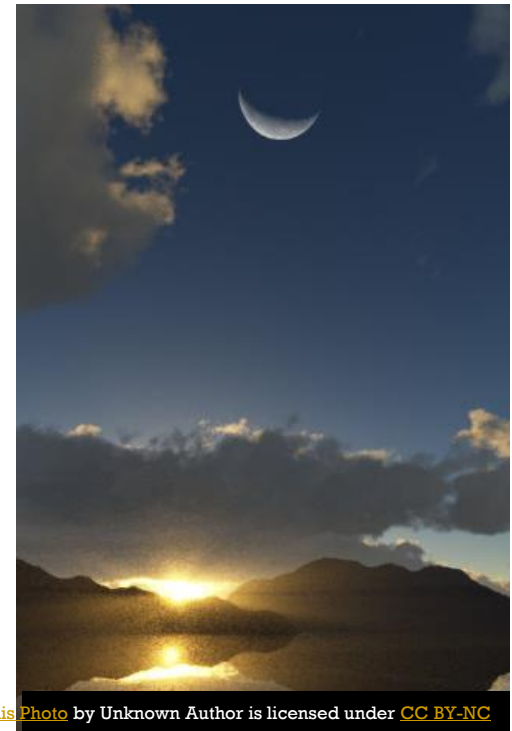
GOD IS LIGHT

- Genesis 1:2 – 3
- *2 The earth was without form and void, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*
- *3 And God said, “**Let there be light**,” and there was **light**.*
- This is the very first recorded words of God.



GENESIS 1

- 16 *And God made the two great lights—the greater light to **rule** the **day** and the lesser light to **rule** the **night**—and the stars.*
- 26 *“Then God said, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our likeness. And let them have **dominion** ...”*



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DOMINION OF DARKNESS

- The Fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.
- Dominion of darkness.
- Eph 6:12 *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the authorities, against the **cosmic powers over this present darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly places.”*



JESUS

- John 12:46 *I have come* into the world as **light**, so that *whoever believes in me may not remain in **darkness**.*
- John 1:5 The **light** shines in the darkness, and *the darkness has not overcome it.*
- Jesus has come
- He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness.
- We have hope



KINGDOM OF LIGHT

- Col 1:13 He has **delivered** us from the **domain** of **darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son

Kingdom of Darkness

Sin

Evil

Immorality

Sickness

Wickedness

Injustice



Kingdom of Jesus

Righteousness

Joy

Peace

Purity

Justice

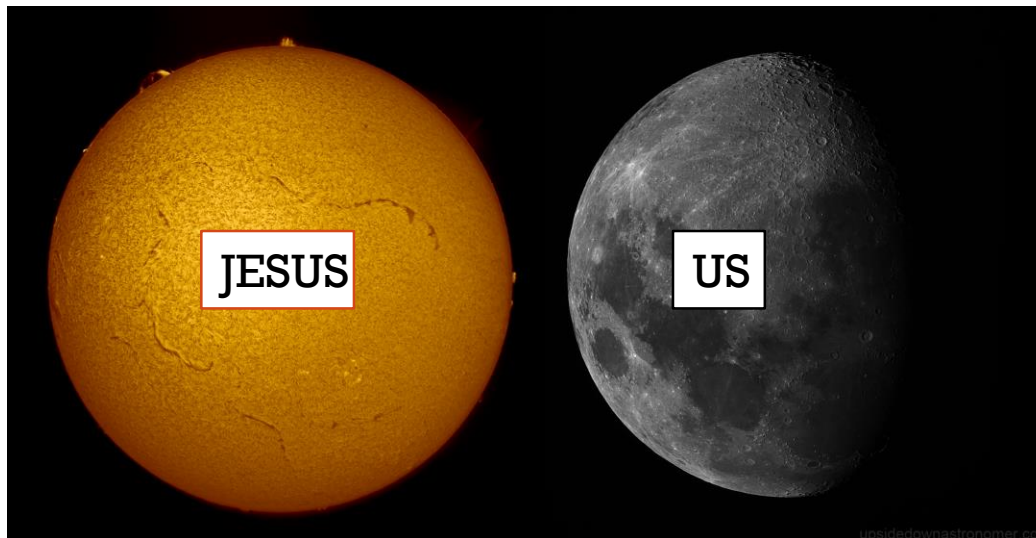
Healing

- Col 2: 15 He disarmed the **rulers** and **authorities** and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.



PRESENT

- Eph 5:8 “you are *light* in the *Lord*”
- Mat 5:14 “You are the *light* of the world.”



PRESENT

- **Isaiah 60:1-3** *Arise, shine, for your **light** has come, and the glory of the **LORD** has risen upon you. For behold, **darkness** shall cover the earth, and thick **darkness** the peoples; but the **LORD** will **arise upon you**, and his glory will be seen upon you.*



APPLICATION - PERSONAL

- Eph 5:8 “*Walk as children of light.*”

Gentiles (understanding darkened, alienated from life of God)	Children of God (Light)
Sexual immorality	Humility, gentleness
Covetousness	Patience
Falsehood	Speak truth
Steal	Honest Labor
Corrupt, filthy talk, crude joke	Good, build each other up, thanksgiving
Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander	Kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another
Drunk with wine, debauchery	Filled with the Spirit



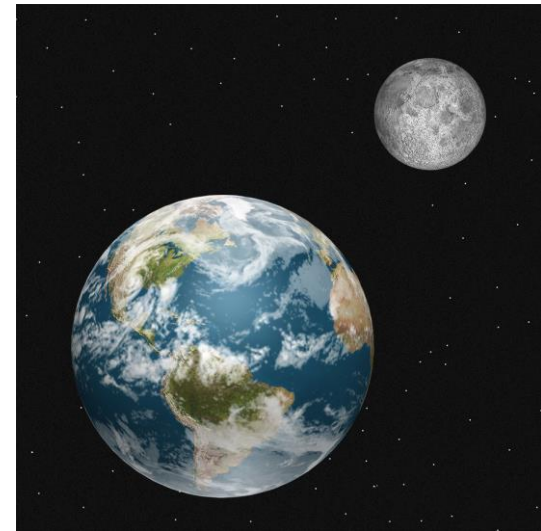
APPLICATION - PERSONAL

Is anything hiding the light of His face?

Unhindered access to his presence.



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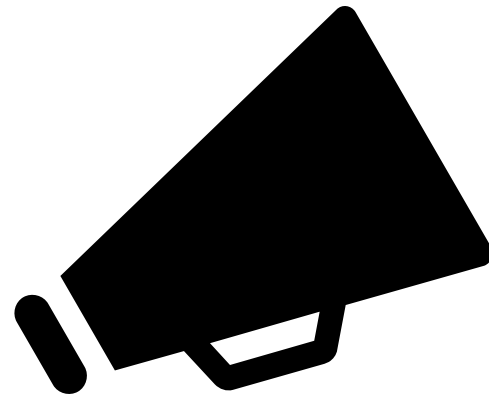


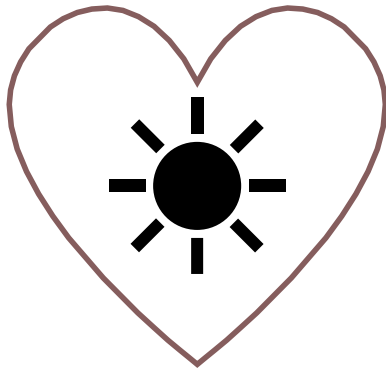
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APPLICATION - EXTERNAL

- 1 Peter 2: 9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may **proclaim** the **excellencies** of him who called you out of **darkness** into his marvelous **light**.*
 - God's representatives
 - To tell others about the light
- PROCLAIM the gospel !!!





APPLICATION - EXTERNAL

- 2 Cor 4: 4, 6 *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.*
- *For God, who said, “**Let light shine out of darkness,**” has shone in our hearts to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

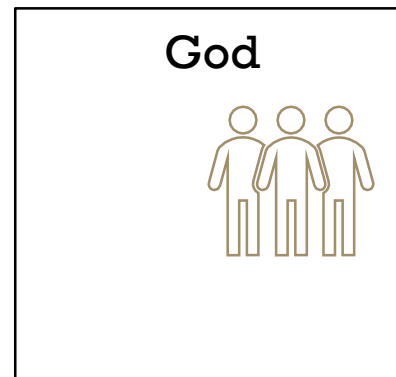


APPLICATION - EXTERNAL

- **PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

- **Acts 26:18**

- *“to open their eyes, so that they may turn from **darkness to light** and from the **power of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’*



NEW JERUSALEM

- Rev 21:23, 22: 5
- *And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it **light**, and its lamp is the Lamb.*
- *And **night** will be **no more**. They will need **no light** of lamp or **sun**, for the **Lord God will be their light**, and they will reign forever and ever.*

