

Living as Children of Light: The Gospel and Our Kingdom Assignment

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3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

1. The Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus preached is far bigger than just personal salvation and going to heaven when we die. It's about God's reign breaking into the world now, transforming lives, communities, and all of creation.
How does understanding this change the way we live our daily lives?
 2. If the Gospel transforms how we live, what is one specific area in your life where you feel challenged to "walk in the way of love" like Jesus?
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1. How does understanding the Kingdom of God as a lifestyle, rather than a set of religious rules, change the way we live out our faith in everyday situations (work, school, family, etc.)?
 - What are some practical ways we can reflect heaven's culture where we are?
 2. Ephesians 5:3-7 talks about leaving behind darkness and living as part of God's Kingdom. What are some areas where believers today struggle to live differently from the world, and how can we encourage each other to stay true to our Kingdom identity?
 - How does seeing ourselves as ambassadors for Christ help us make different choices?

III. **The Gospel Makes Us Light in the Darkness** Ephesians 5:8-13

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

IV. **The Gospel Gives Us a Kingdom Assignment** Ephesians 5:14

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

1. What does it practically look like to "live as children of light" in your daily life (Ephesians 5:8)?

- What are some specific ways you can push back darkness in your workplace, home, or community?

2. How does understanding that eternal life begins the moment we say "yes" to Jesus (rather than just after we die) change the way we live?

- What mindset shifts or lifestyle changes might this truth lead us to make?

1. What areas of your life do you feel have been "asleep" spiritually, and what would it look like for you to "wake up" and step into your Kingdom assignment?

2. How can you actively live as an evangelist in your current season of life—whether at home, work, or in your community?