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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

# EPHESIANS

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Chapter 5:2—14







لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ





Your word is a lamp for my  
feet, a light on my path.



Psalms 119:105



43 Never take your word of truth from  
my mouth, for I have put my hope in  
your laws.


44 I will always obey your law, for  
ever and ever.

45 I will walk about in freedom, for I  
have sought out your precepts.

Psalm 119:43 – 45





A tall, white, tapered lighthouse with a dark red lantern room and a bright light shining from the top. The lighthouse is set against a dark, cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

129 Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them. 130 The  
unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:129 - 130







<sup>1</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. (ESV)

Ephesians 5:1&2



No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (NIV)

John 1:18



“The one who has seen me  
has seen the Father.” (NIV)

John 14:9



<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> ***I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*** <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (NIV)

John 13:12-17



“As God’s Son, after whose image we are being renewed by the Holy Spirit, Christ becomes the exemplar—the template for what it looks like to be a true human mimicking God. Like an older brother, Christ is the perfect model for us to follow.



*(Swindoll’s Living Insights, New Testament Commentary, Galatians & Ephesians, p.265)*



It stands to reason that, as beloved children, we are to carry on our lives with the characteristics that are true of the Son. He's good; we should be good. He's kind; we must be kind. He's just; we should be fair. He's holy; we are to be pure. He's full of grace; we ought to demonstrate grace toward one another. The list could go on and on."



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Be imitators of me, as  
I am of Christ. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 11:1



We do not want you to become lazy,  
but to imitate those who through  
faith and patience inherit what has  
been promised. (NIV)

Hebrews 6:12



<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to cling to; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5 - 8



21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, *leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21 – 23



22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21 – 23



“Like a gloomy, stormy sea, however, the world around us opposes Christ’s way of love at every turn and tries with all its might to crash us into a rocky shoreline. This is why Paul issues a strong summons to purity in the next several verses . . .”



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Ephesians 5:3 – 5



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“There are certain ways of behaving which are so out of line with the way God made the world, that they bring their own nemesis. Sexual misbehavior certainly comes into this category.”



*(Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon for Everyone, N.T. Wright, p.44 )*







“Every time you mention the words, every time an off-color story or joke passes your lips, you defile yourself, and shift your thinking and imagination towards the way that leads to darkness and death.”



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<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them. (NIV)

Ephesians 5:5 – 7







<sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them. <sup>8</sup>  
For once you were darkness, but now you are  
light in the Lord. So live as people of light!  
<sup>9</sup> For this light within you produces only  
what is good and right and true. (NLT)

Ephesians 5:7 – 9















# What is our new identity?

- \* Dearly loved children - vs. 1
- \* Saints = holy ones - vs. 3
- \* Children of light - vs. 8







“It is vital not to slide along through life in a general foolish haze hoping things will work out all right but not being prepared to think them through, to figure out where this or that type of behavior will really lead.



*(Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon for Everyone, N.T. Wright, p.47 )*



That is the way of death, and you need to wake up and rise from the dead, relying on the Messiah, already risen, to shine his light on you.



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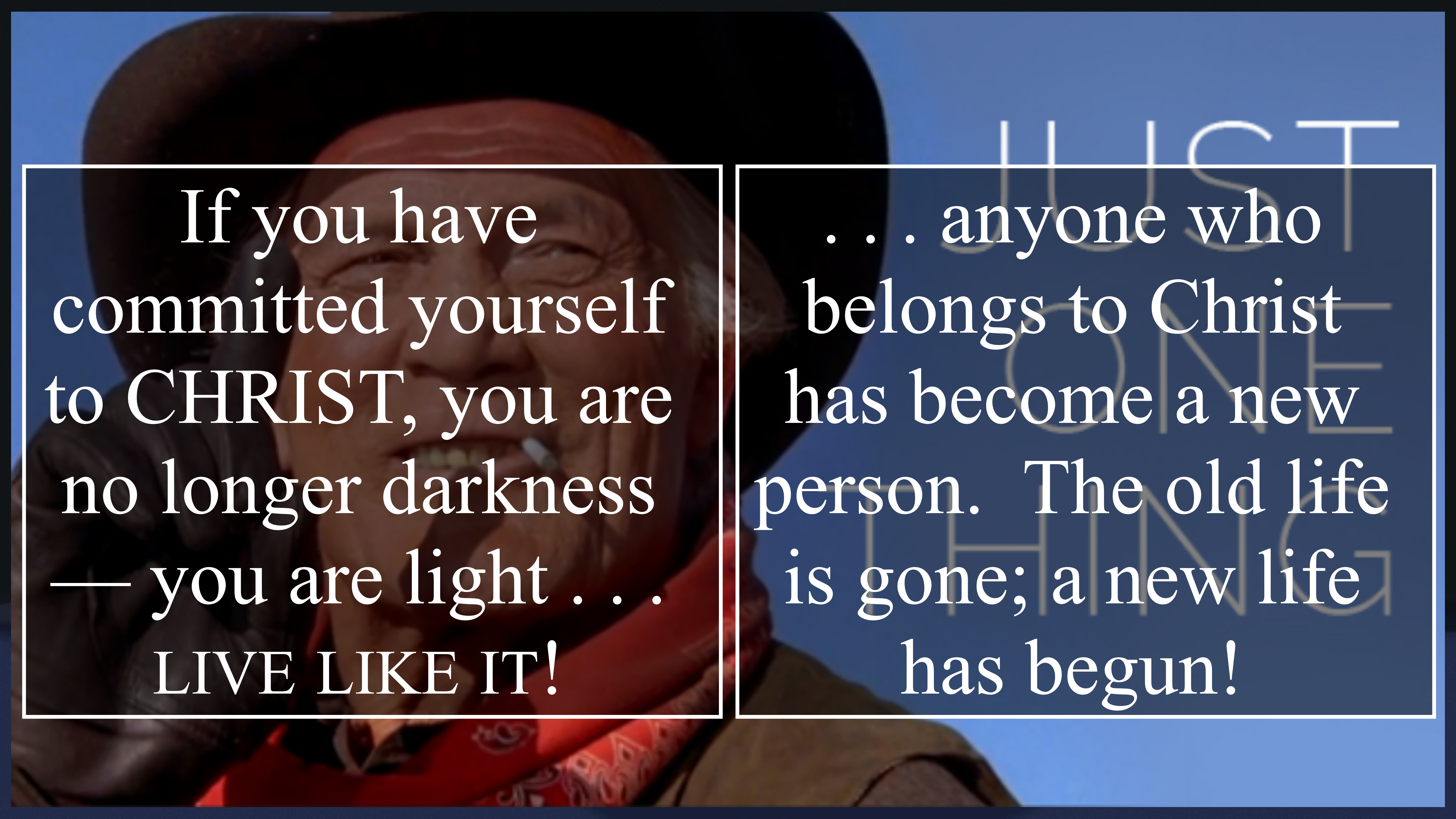


Then you'll be able to walk in the light, instead of going down the dark alleys (whether literal or metaphorical) that lead to sin and death.”



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If you have  
committed yourself  
to CHRIST, you are  
no longer darkness  
— you are light . . .  
LIVE LIKE IT!

. . . anyone who  
belongs to Christ  
has become a new  
person. The old life  
is gone; a new life  
has begun!



<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, <sup>14</sup> for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (NLT)

Ephesians 5:11 – 14





“Paul doesn’t tell people to become someone new. He tells them to *become like who they really are*. Your new identity is the beginning point.”

*(The Bible Project Classroom on Ephesians )*



