

# Let your light shine

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Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> At one time you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light,

**1. My light is shining . . . . . 5:8**

<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup> and seek out what is pleasing to the Lord.

**2. My . . . . . looks bright 5:9-10**

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light.

. . . . . Rev.4:11,  
1Cor.15:38  
. . . . . Col.1:19, Isa.53:10  
. . . . . 1 Corinthians 1:21  
. . . . . Luke 12:32  
. . . . . 1 Chronicles 29:17  
. . . . . Hebrews 13:15-16

**3. . . . . the dark 5:11-14a**

Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**4. . . . . the bright life 5:14**

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## My prayer priorities for this week

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### For personal reflection and discussion starters

1. What was the thing you most appreciated about church this week?
2. How would you feel if someone said to you, "You are the problem!"?
3. To say to someone, "You were once darkness" (v8), seems harsh at first. What are some potential benefits of naming personal problems?
4. Why do you think Scripture opens with such a bold statement? Read the rest of v8. Why are these additional facts included in the same sentence?
5. "All goodness", "righteousness" and "truth" (v9) need to be explained. How do you think God would define them; including how His definition would be different from the world's ideas?
6. "All goodness, righteousness and truth" are described as the "fruit of light" (v9). Explain this odd terminology in ways that a non-Christian could understand.
7. Help out Michael Parkinson: What is the meaning of life? When you meet Him, what is the first thing you want to say to God?
8. Why do the words "Awake, O sleeper..." apply to a) the unsaved; and to b) practicing Christians?