

Walk as Children of Light

Ephesians 5:1-14

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1 John 3:1-3

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*

“No man shall ever behold the glory of Christ by sight in heaven who does not, in some measure, behold it by faith in this world. Grace is a necessary preparation for glory, and faith [is a necessary preparation] for sight. The soul unprepared by grace and faith is not capable of seeing the glory of Christ in heaven...If a man claims to love and desire that which he never even saw, he is deceiving himself” (pgs. 4-5)

Ephesians 5:8-10

“...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:11-12

“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.”

Ephesians 5:13-14

“But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’”