

# Ephesians Series

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**Do Not Partner with Darkness**

**Ephesians 5:10–12**



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Last week: How do we walk in, or by means of, the light?**

**Answer:**

**The Word of God used by the Spirit of God transforms the character of the child of God.**

**Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”**

**John 15:7, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ...”**  
**[NKJV]**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them by means of Truth, Your Word is Truth.”**

**Rom 12:2, “... be transformed by the renewing of your thinking ...”**

**Php. 2:16, “holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”**

**Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”**

**Psa. 119:105,**

**“Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.”**

# EPHESIANS

## WEALTH

1:3–3:21

Prayer of thanksgiving to God for His provision of this new position in Christ. 3:14–21

## WALK

4:1–6:9

Walk carefully in biblical wisdom.  
5:15–6:9

## WARFARE

6:10–20

Put on the whole armor of God that you may stand. 6:10–20



**Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”**

**Eph. 5:2, “And walk by means of love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”**

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**Three things we need to understand this passage:**

- 1. What the Bible Teaches about LIGHT;**
- 2. What the Bible Teaches about our Position in the LIGHT;**
- 3. Our Walk in the LIGHT;**
- 4. What the Bible Teaches about HOW we Walk in the LIGHT.**

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1 John 1:9

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**part, portion (here the inheritance of God common to all believers)**

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**συγκατάθεσις *sugkatathesis***

**fem sing nom**

**agreement, union**

**No possible real union**

**between believer and**

**unbeliever!**

## **Contrasts in 2 Cor. 6:14–15**

**righteousness**

**light**

**Christ**

**believer**

**temple of God**

**not with**

**lawlessness**

**darkness**

**Belial**

**unbeliever**

**idols**

**Lev. 26:11, “I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.**

**Lev. 26:12, “I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.”**

**Isa. 52:11, “Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.”**

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**μᾶλλον *mallon* more, rather**  
**contrasts with the alternative**

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**to reprove, convict;**  
**refute**

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