

Living as God's Treasured Possession part VII: No longer partners

Therefore Be Imitators of God - 5:1-2

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Ephesians 5:7 Therefore do not become **partners** with them;

Partners (symmetochos): joint owner, sharer; partaking with

Holiness is not a condition the believer simply drifts into. The Christian life, the life that pleases God, involves effort.

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Ephesians 5:8 **for at one time you were darkness,**

Darkness (skotos): absence of light; unable to understand.

Ephesians 2:1–3 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4–5 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹**And such were some of you.** But **you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

God wants us to remember what we once were and what we are now in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, **but now you are light in the Lord.**

Light (phōs): light; daylight; the people of God

Colossians 1:13–14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

Ephesians 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light

Walk (peripateō): behave; conduct one's life.

Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is **good**, right, and **true**),

These are the ethics of light.

Hughes, R. Kent. 1990. [Ephesians: The Mystery of the Body of Christ](#). Preaching the Word. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

Good (agathōsynē): active good

Right (dikaiosynē): to be put right with

True (alētheia): truth; reality; pertaining to what actually occurs

Ephesians 5:10 and try to **discern** what is pleasing to the Lord.

Discern (dokimazō): to test; to examine; to try to determine

God's will is what pleases Him, and what pleases Him is "goodness, righteousness, and truth" (v. 9). This requires Christians to have Bible-saturated minds.... There are no shortcuts to developing a Bible-saturated mind. Like our Lord Jesus Christ, we must apply ourselves every day to reading, hearing, and hiding God's word in our hearts and minds (Ps. 119:11).

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Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the **unfruitful works of darkness**, but instead expose them.

Galatians 5:19–21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead **expose** them.

Expose (elenchō): rebuke; reprove; convict; bring to shame.

Ephesians 5:12–14 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:15 Look **carefully** then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Carefully (akribōs): accurately

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Ephesians 5:16 **making the best** use of the time, because the days are evil.

Making the best (exagorazō): make good use of opportunity; redeem

A bible saturated mind and a praying heart will not only lead you in paths of righteousness, but it will also help you to know the Lord's will and therefore, do what pleases Him.

Remember who you are and respond accordingly.

1 Peter 2:9–12 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

