



THE
MYSTERY
OF HIS WILL

Walking as Children of Light
{ Ephesians 5:3-21 }



**Ephesians was
meant to encourage
and instruct.**

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The background is a detailed architectural drawing of a church interior, showing a series of pointed arches supported by columns. The drawing is rendered in a light, sepia tone, creating a sense of depth and grandeur. The perspective is from a low angle, looking down a long aisle towards a distant altar area. The lines are fine and precise, typical of a technical or historical architectural sketch.

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*(Acts 18:19-6; 19:1-41; 20:17-38;
I Timothy; Revelation 2:1-7)*

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**Ephesians explains
God's intention
for the church.**

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Ephesians 4:17-5:2

- **We don't live any more for the life of sin we did before.**
- **Instead of selfishness, we humbly serve our fellow saints.**
- **We use God's forgiveness and holiness as our goals for behavior.**

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Paul continues to draw distinctions between the new way we live in Christ how the world behaves.

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**The actions that are common
among the unbelieving world
are not fitting among saints.**

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I Corinthians 5:9-13

Saints who continue to live like the world are identified as a bad influence in the church.

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I Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

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Matthew 12:33-37

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**Our speech is a reflection
of the character of our heart,
and is an appropriate measure
of judgment.**

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**Saints who ignore their
speech forsake an indication
of what we need to change
in character.**

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Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly **darkness**, but now you are **Light** in the Lord; walk as children of **Light** (for the fruit of the **Light** consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of **darkness**, but instead even **expose** them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in **secret**. But all things become **visible** when they are **exposed** by the **light**, for everything that becomes **visible** is **light**. For this reason it says,

**“Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.”**

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Your **dead will live;**
Their **corpses will rise.**
You who lie in the dust, **awake** and
shout for joy,
For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,
And the earth will give birth to the depart-
ed spirits. (Isaiah 26:19)

Rouse yourself! **Rouse** yourself!
Arise, O Jerusalem,
You who have drunk from the LORD's hand
the cup of His anger;
The chalice of reeling you have drained to
the dregs. (Isaiah 51:17)

Awake, awake,
Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion;
Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
For the uncircumcised and the unclean
Will no longer come into you. (Isaiah 52:1)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the LORD **has risen** upon
you. (Isaiah 60:1)

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Love shown toward others in practical ways is the character of mature obedience to God.

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In times of anticipation of hardship and judgment, we continue to live in sobriety and light.

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Our actions of daylight provide a sharp contrast to those consumed by drunkenness and night.

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**Obedience to God needs
to be a matter of integrity
that stems from cooperation
with His will.**

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Philippians 2:12-16

Obedience with peace and contentment will allow saints to shine in a dark and twisted world.

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**Instead of engaging in
drunken revelries with
worldly associates, we
soberly serve the saints.**

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When we consider that everything we do is by God's strength, we are called to be thankful.

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Acts 16:16-29

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**Providing freedom for
a young girl being used
by predatory swindlers
brought persecution.**

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Acts 16:16-29

**Paul and Silas retaining
clear and spiritual thinking
involved singing hymns in
dire circumstances.**

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***Are you walking as a
child of the light?***

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