

Freedom from Slavery:

Embrace the Spotlight

KEY POINT = WE NEED TO _____ OUR _____ INTO THE _____.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

*¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
Ephesians 5:8-13 (NIV)*

! DARKNESS IS _____.

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! LIGHT BRINGS SPIRITUAL _____ AND _____.

THE PROBLEM = WE _____ THE _____.

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

John 3:19-20 (NIV)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)

GOD CALLS US TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT. HOW DO WE DO THAT?

ONE WORD: _____.

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. ¹⁸ Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. ¹⁹ A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. ²⁰ In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

Acts 19:17-20 (NIV)

*If you hide your sins, you will not succeed.
If you confess and reject them, you will receive mercy.
Proverbs 28:13 (NCV)*

*When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.
⁴Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.
Psalm 32:3-4 (NLT)*

*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
James 5:16 (NLT)*

*My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back,²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.
James 5:19-20 (NLT)*