

Welcome to Fellowship!



# Ephesians

*In Christ Alone*

# Summary

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Chosen by God and having received grace and peace through Christ, we are to walk faithfully in Christ Jesus.

# Walk in Unity

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Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **NIV**

I, therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live worthily of the calling with which you have been called, **NET**

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, **NASB**

The calling refers to the Holy Spirit's prompting that caused them to believe. The author is thus urging his readers to live a life that conforms to their saved status before God. (NET Bible notes)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us **grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.**  
This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the **mature body of him** who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and **builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**



**Through Christ's peace,  
we can work together in  
our gifts to build  
up His body.**

# Walk in Holiness

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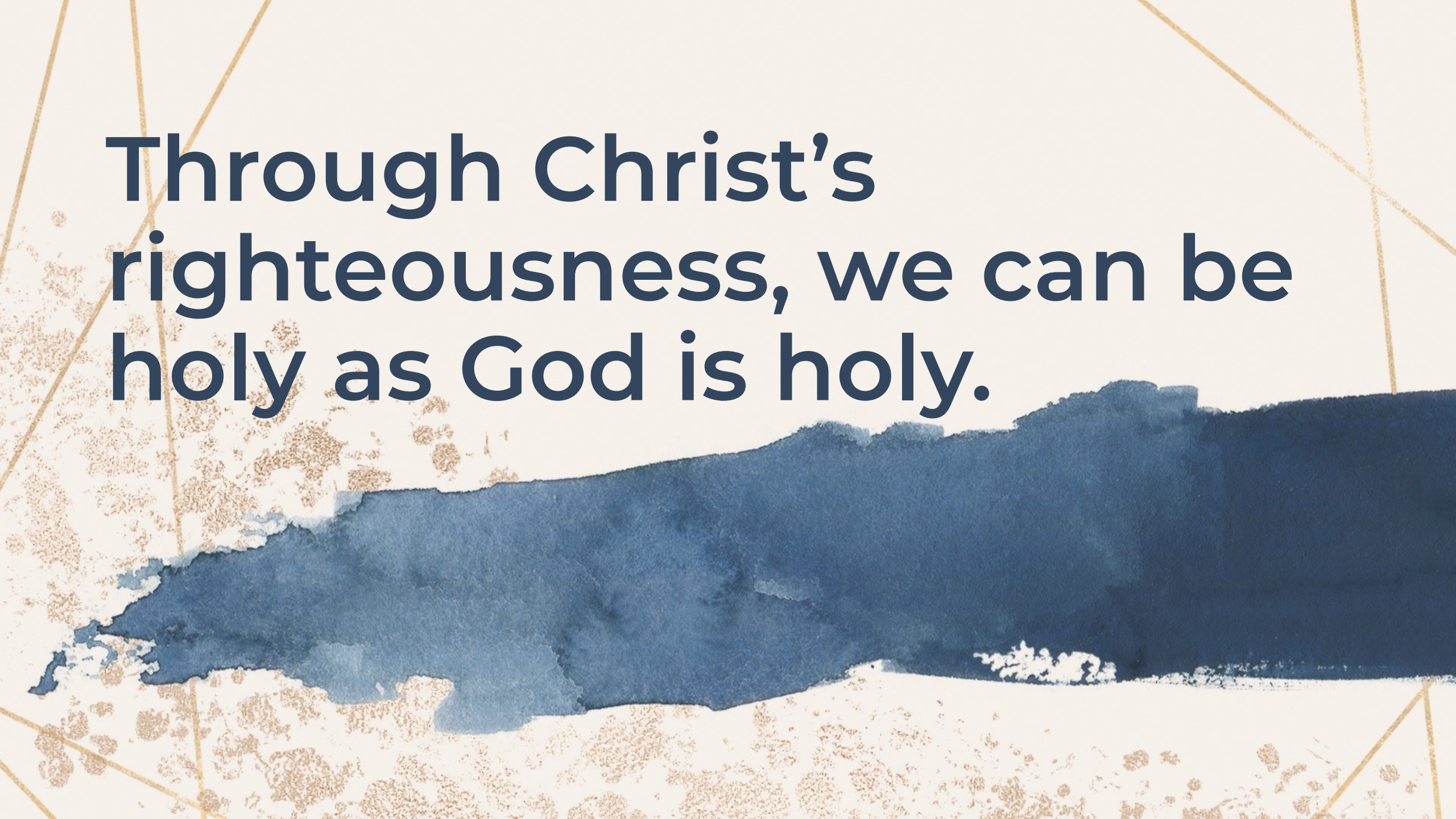
Ephesians 4:17-32

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the **truth that is in Jesus**. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, **to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and **speak truthfully** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and **do not give the devil a foothold**. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but **must work, doing something useful with their own hands**, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only **what is helpful for building others up** according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**



**Through Christ's  
righteousness, we can be  
holy as God is holy.**

# Walk in Love

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## Ephesians 5:1-6



**Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, **but rather thanksgiving.** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

**Through Christ's sacrifice,  
we can follow His example  
and love those around us.**

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# Walk in Light

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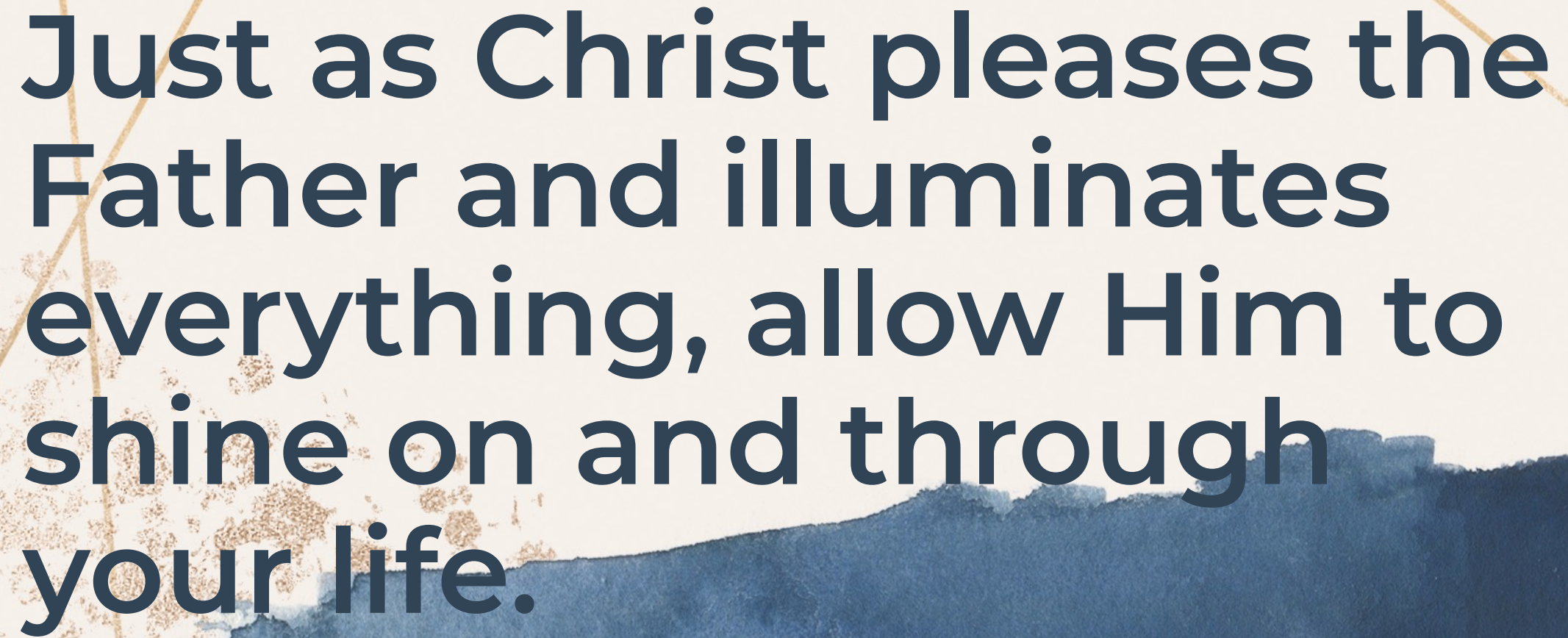
## Ephesians 5:7-14

Therefore do not be partners with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.**

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. **But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.** This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and **Christ will shine on you.**”



**Just as Christ pleases the  
Father and illuminates  
everything, allow Him to  
shine on and through  
your life.**

**We are made alive in  
Christ and we are built  
together in Christ, now we  
can live like Christ.**

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