

# LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT

NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST – AN INSPIRING LOOK AT COLOSSIANS

Those who are a part of the Kingdom of God have Christ as their King  
They have a new identity; they have a new life (both now and after)  
They died [with Christ] and their lives are hidden with Christ in God

**We have been called to have a single minded, sincere, pure devotion to God.**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity\* and truth.*

\*eilikrineia – Literally “judged by sunlight.” The word alludes to Oriental bazaars where pottery was displayed in dimly lit rooms. Unscrupulous merchants would patch cracked pottery or cover defects with wax. Intelligent buyers would hold up the pottery to the sun and judge its quality by the sunlight. Eilikrineia is transparent honest, genuine purity, manifest clarity, and unsullied innocence. It describes one who does not fear thorough examination of his motives and intents, because he has nothing to hide.” –NKJV Spirit Filled Life Bible

**The Light is Good.**

*Genesis 1:1-4 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.*

*Colossians 1:12-14 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Our true place with God is walking in the light, not hiding in the darkness.**

*1 John 1:5-10 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. (see also John 3:19-21, Ephesians 5:7-14, 1 John 2:7-11).*

**Be completely honest with God. It is a choice. His light is good.**

**Become people with whom it is safe for others to come into the light.**

We can powerfully mirror the reality of who others are in the gospel.

**In the light:**

We do not stumble but can walk, see, and receive God’s goodness.  
God continues to transformed and purify us.  
We have fellowship (not rejection as we might fear).  
The darkness is driven out.

Proverbs 4:18-19 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.