

An aerial photograph of a large, snow-covered mountain peak. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden-orange glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. The mountain's ridges and valleys are covered in a thick layer of snow, with some dark patches of vegetation visible. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

# EPHESIANS

LIVING THE NEW CREATION STORY



Hillsong pastor Carl Lentz at the Hillsong Conference at Allphones Arena in Sydney in 2015. Toby Zerna / Newspix via Getty Images

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Duplicity = Slavery

Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. Therefore, do not become their partners.

Eph. 5:6-7, CSB

for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth—testing what is pleasing to the Lord. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light—

Eph. 5:8-9, CSB

testing what is pleasing to the Lord. Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret. For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret.

Eph. 5:10-12, CSB

<sup>13</sup> Everything exposed by the light is made visible,  
<sup>14</sup> for what makes everything visible is light.  
Therefore it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up  
from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. <sup>15</sup> Pay  
careful attention, then, to how you walk —not as  
unwise people but as wise— <sup>16</sup>making the most of  
the time, because the days are evil.

Eph. 5:13-16, CSB

So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:

Eph. 5:17-18, CSB

**Were Darkness | Now Light (Identity)**

Fruitless Works of Darkness | Fruit of the Light

Secret Works | Expose Secret Darkness

Unwise | Wise

Foolish | Understand the will of God

Driven by Alcohol | Filled with the Spirit

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**Inside-Out Congruence**

...only avid discipleship to Christ through the Spirit brings the inward transformation of thought, feeling, and character that "cleans the inside of the cup" (Matthew 23:25) and "makes the tree good" (Matthew 12:33).

As we study with Jesus we increasingly become on the inside...exactly what we are on the outside, where actions and moods and attitudes visibly play over our body, alive in its social context.

An amazing simplicity will take over our lives—  
a simplicity that is really just transparency. This  
requires a long and careful learning from Jesus  
to remove the duplicity that has become  
second nature to us...

- Dallas Willard (*The Great Omission*)

**Slavery of Duplicity**

**Freedom of Congruence**

The Gospel is the Good News invitation that we can learn to live the life of congruence that we actually want, via Rabbi Jesus

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Be Controlled by the Spirit

“I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic [interpretation] of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.”

- Leslie Newbigin (*Foolishness to the Greeks*)