

BEFORE & AFTER
“CHILDREN OF LIGHT” SERIES – PART 1
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COLOSSIANS 1:12–14, 2:6–8

...the Father...has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins... ^{2:6} So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue** to live your lives in him, ⁷ **rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith** as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one **takes you captive** through **hollow and deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

ADDRESSING MY PAST IS A CRUCIAL PART OF GAINING HIS FUTURE

- 1. I have a past.**
- 2. Leaving it behind is critical.**
- 3. Leaving it behind it _____ !**

EPHESIANS 4:22–24, 5:8,11

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; ²³ **to be made new in the attitude of your minds;** ²⁴ and **to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness...** ^{5:8} **you were once darkness**, but now **you are light in the Lord.** Live as **children of light...** Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness...

LIVING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT:

1. PRAY FOR HOPE

JESUS WILL TRANSFORM YOU, BUT **YOU** NEED TO BELIEVE IT.

2. PRAY FOR SURRENDER

JESUS WILL TRANSFORM YOU, BUT ONLY ON **HIS TERMS**, NOT YOURS.

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