

WALKING IN LOVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

EPHESIANS 5:1-14



EPHESIANS 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**We're not trying to become God's children through imitation.
We're imitating God because we already are His children.**

EPHESIANS 5:2

*And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

**Jesus Christ willingly walked to Calvary's cross,
where He bore the full weight of God's wrath against sin.**





EPHESIANS 5:3-4

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

The Greek word for “sexual immorality” is porneia, which encompasses all sexual activity outside the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman.

Both sexual sin and covetousness say,

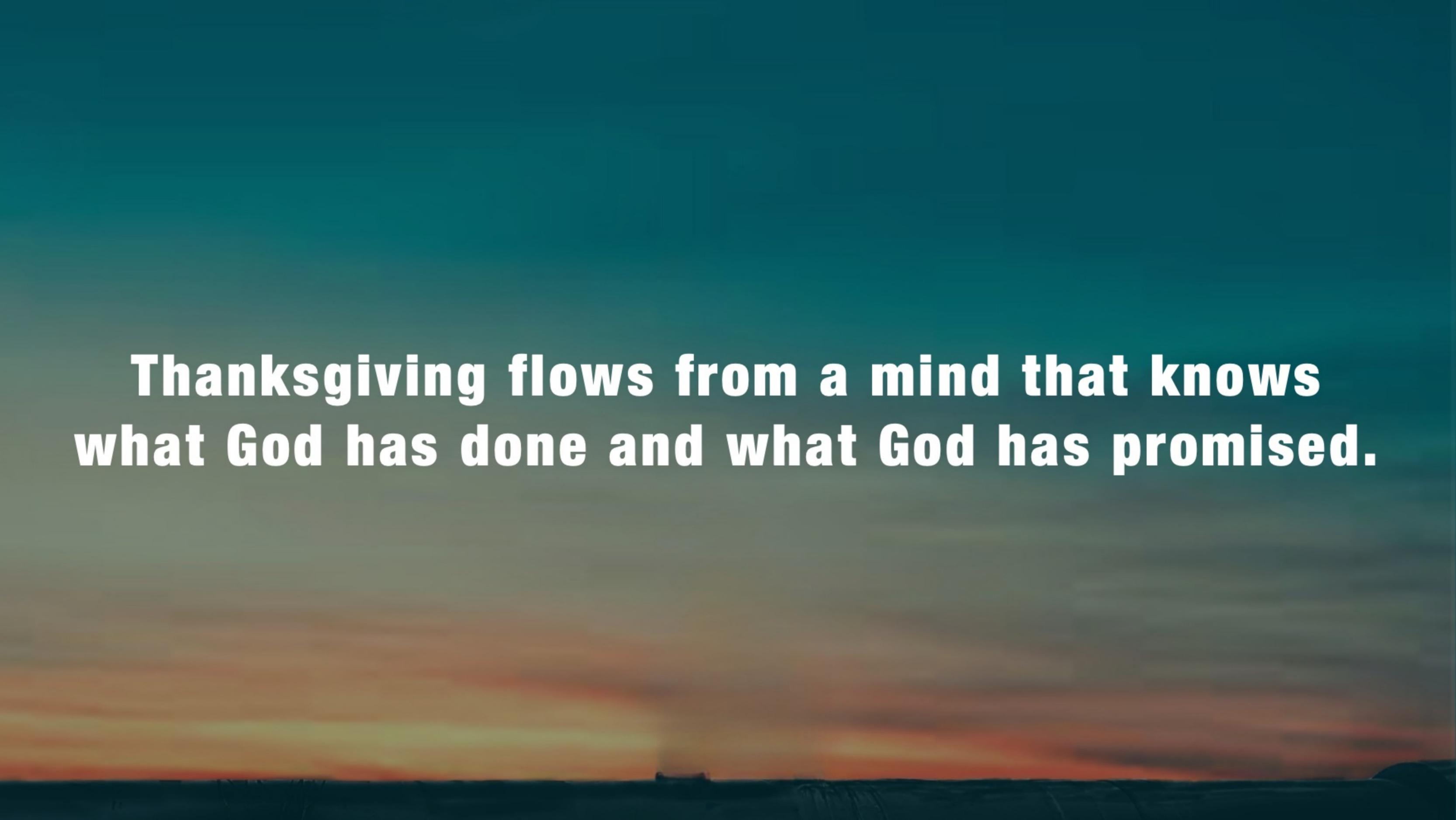
**“I know what I need better than God does,
and I’ll take it for myself regardless of God’s design.”**



EPHESIANS 5:5-7

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them;

**The danger isn't just in committing these sins.
It's in the deception that says you can live this way
and still be a child of God.**

A sunset over a field with a barn silhouette. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a dark silhouette of a barn and field in the foreground.

**Thanksgiving flows from a mind that knows
what God has done and what God has promised.**

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This isn't about trying to generate your own moral light. It's about recognizing that Christ, who is the Light of the world, now dwells in you by His Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:9-13

(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

When darkness is exposed to light, it loses its power.

EPHESIANS 5:14

*for anything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise
from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

ISAIAH 60:1

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

Christ isn't asking you to generate light from within yourself. He's promising to shine His light upon you. He is both the source and the sustainer of your light.

Back in verse two, Scripture showed us that Christ is our love. His sacrificial death is the pattern and power for how we love others. Now in verse fourteen, we see that Christ is our light. We don't manufacture love. We don't generate light. We receive both from Him, and then we reflect what we've received. You are a child of light not because of what you've done, but because of who Christ is and what He's done for you. Every day you wake up, you have a choice. Will you walk in the darkness you once were? Or will you walk in the light you now are? Will you give in to the old patterns of sexual immorality, covetousness, and crude speech? Or will you let thanksgiving flow from a heart transformed by grace?