

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

For you were once darkness, but now you are light
in the Lord. Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness and
righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them,
for it is shameful even to mention the things
done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

Watch carefully then how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil.

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.
And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs,
singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks always and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
to God the Father.

The word of the Lord