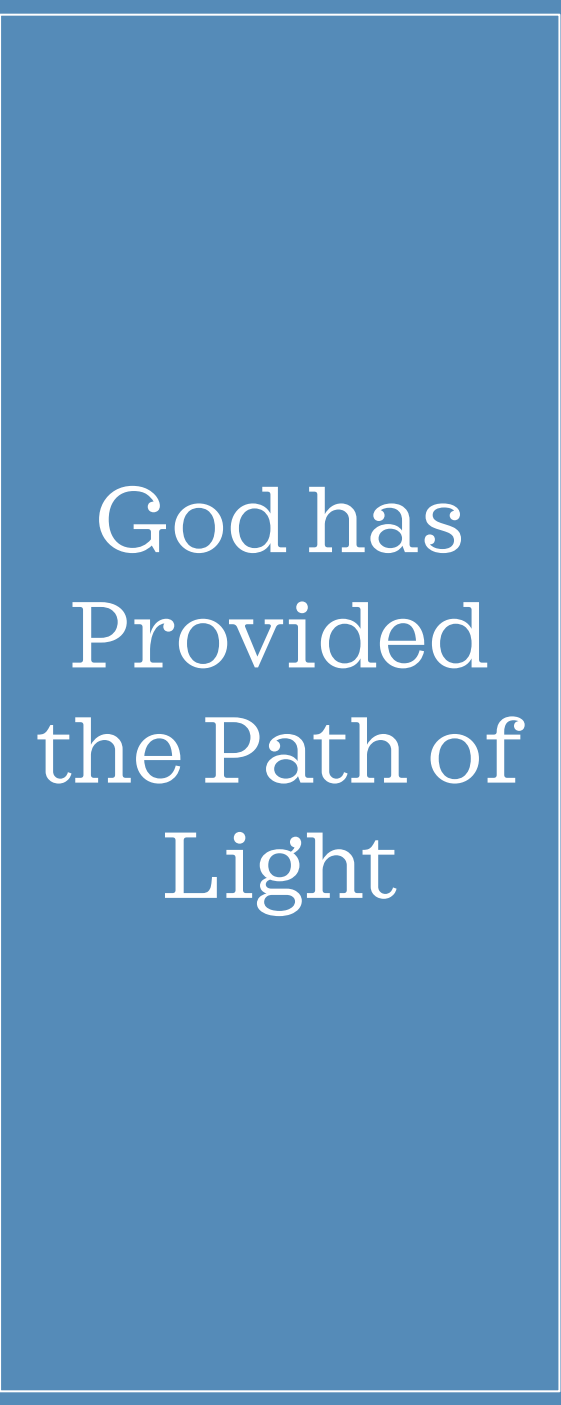




TWO PATHS: DARKNESS AND LIGHT

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EPHESIANS 5:1-8

Part 2: The Path of *Light*



God has
Provided
the Path of
Light

- In contrast to the path of darkness, God in grace chose to provide the path of light through Jesus – Jn. 12:44-46
- God provided this path because of His love.
 - He sent Jesus to give life to “dead men walking” – Jn. 3:16-17
 - He sent Jesus though His love was unrequited – 1 Jn. 4:9-10
 - He sent Jesus that He might justify the sinful and rebellious – Titus 3:3-7
- It is the path of God’s love, kindness, mercy, grace, and hope!

Who is On the Path of Light?

- The path of darkness and death requires nothing – Eph. 2:1-2; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23
- One must **consciously choose** to walk on the path of light
 - You must choose to believe in the light, in Jesus, to be a child of light – Jn. 12:35-36
 - You must choose to follow Jesus to be in the Light – Jn. 8:12
 - You must choose to obey Jesus to walk in the path of life – Jn. 3:36

What does
the Path of
Light
Offers
those who
Choose it?

- Forgiveness of sins – 1 Jn. 1:6-17; 2 Pet. 1:5-9
- Mercy, love, and salvation instead of wrath, life and glory instead of death – Eph. 2:3-8
- Justification for the ungodly, reconciliation for God's enemies – Rom. 5:6-11
- What an amazing God!

What does Walking in the Light Require?

- One must leave darkness and seek the light –
Rom. 13:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:4-11
 - Know the time of your life
 - Be aware that the night is almost gone, and the day is near.
 - Put away sinful deeds.
 - Put on the weapons of light and the Lord Jesus Christ
- One must leave behind their close fellowship with those who walk in darkness – Eph. 5:6-16; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; 1 Cor. 15:33-34; 1 Pet. 4:1-5