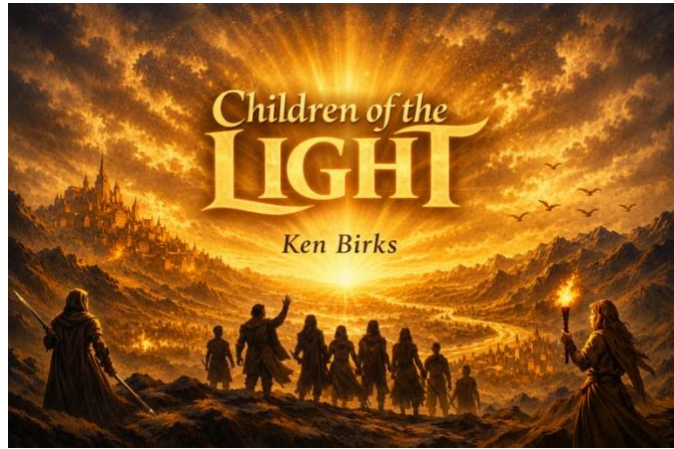


Children of the Light

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A fresh wind is moving through the Body of Christ—quiet to the natural ear, yet unmistakable to the awakened heart. It is a summons from Heaven calling God’s people to rise, to shine, and to step boldly into the radiance of His purpose. Though the world feels increasingly shadowed by confusion and fear, the light of Christ is not fading; it is intensifying. The Spirit is stirring His



sons and daughters to recognize the brilliance placed within them and to carry that light into every place darkness has tried to settle. This devotional article invites us to embrace that calling with courage, clarity, and conviction.

John 1:4–5 — *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*

When Jesus stepped into the world, He pierced the darkness with divine brilliance. His light was not fragile—it was fierce, radiant, and unstoppable. He came to illuminate the path that leads us home, to awaken hearts dulled by despair, and to reveal the glory of the Father in every shadowed corner of humanity.

Now, that same light burns within us. We are not spectators of His radiance—we are carriers of it. The world around us groans under the weight of confusion and fear, but Scripture calls us to rise and shine with the same unyielding brightness that marked Christ’s life, *“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.”*

Isaiah 60:1–2 — declares, *“Even as darkness deepens across the earth, the glory of the Lord rises upon His people.”* This is our moment—not to retreat, but to radiate.

We are spiritual warriors, clothed in the armor of light. Our calling is not passive; it is powerful. The light within us is meant to confront and dissolve the darkness around us. As Paul reminds us, *“For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 13:12 — urges us: *“The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”*

What the Light Does in Us

- **Dispels darkness** — It breaks the power of fear and confusion.
- **Carries hope** — It reminds the world that redemption is near.
- **Influences others** — Every encounter becomes an opportunity for grace.
- **Illuminates understanding** — It opens our hearts to divine truth.
- **Shields from evil** — It guards us from the schemes of the enemy.
- **Empowers victory** — It strengthens us to stand firm.
- **Ignites passion** — It fuels our calling with holy fire.
- **Reveals hidden things** — It brings clarity and conviction.
- **Awakens identity** — It reminds us who we are in Christ.

Light only fulfills its purpose when it shines. It was never meant to be hidden under fear, insecurity, or false humility. Even the smallest spark can shift the atmosphere—but when buried, its brilliance is lost.

When we shrink back, we silence the voice God gave us. We wear a mask over divine radiance. We become present but unseen, alive but not fully living, gifted but not giving, called but not stepping out.

Ephesians 5:8–11 — calls us to walk as children of light—bearing fruit in goodness, righteousness, and truth. We are not to blend in with the darkness but to expose it with grace and truth.

We need to stop letting the bushel win, and apologizing for the light Heaven ignited in us. The world doesn’t need a muted version of God’s people—it needs the full expression of His glory shining through us.

The days ahead will not overwhelm those who walk in His light—they will reveal who they truly are. God is preparing His people to shine with a clarity the world has not yet seen. Every challenge becomes a stage for His glory, every trial a doorway for His radiance, and every act of obedience a spark that ignites hope in someone else’s heart. As you shine, God will amplify your influence, expand your reach, and deepen your impact. This is our moment to rise—to let the light of Christ blaze through our lives with courage and conviction. The world is waiting for the brightness of our obedience.

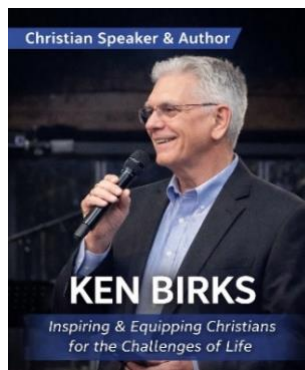
So, let us arise and shine allowing the light of Christ within us breaking through every shadow of fear and hesitation. We were never meant to blend in—we were

meant to stand out, to reflect His glory, and to carry His presence wherever we go. The darkness around us is not stronger than the light within us. Every step we take in obedience becomes a spark that ignites hope in someone else's heart.

As we embrace this calling, we step into the very heartbeat of God's redemptive mission. The light within us is not ornamental—it is transformational. It was given so that we might reveal Christ in every place our feet touch and every life our words reach. The days ahead will challenge us, but they will also reveal the brilliance of God's glory shining through His people. Let us walk forward with courage, knowing that every act of obedience becomes a beacon that pushes back the darkness. We are children of the light—chosen, empowered, and commissioned to shine until every shadow is broken and every heart has seen the radiance of Christ.

Begin each day by inviting His light to fill you—through a moment of worship, a Scripture whispered in faith, or a prayer of surrender. Small acts of obedience become beams of light that shift the atmosphere around you.

About Ken Birks



Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

Out of those sacred encounters came a desire to write — not to impress, but to invite. To invite others into the same stillness, the same clarity, the same holy encouragement that has carried them through life's valleys and mountaintops. His devotional poetry and other writings flow from a heart that has wrestled, worshiped, and been transformed by God's presence.

Today, Ken writes to help fellow believers pause, breathe, and rediscover the treasures God longs to place within them. Ken's hope is simple: that every reader will feel the Father's nearness, hear His voice more clearly, and walk with renewed courage into the calling He has lovingly prepared.

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