

## message notes

## The Gospel of God

Light & Day
Romans 13:11-14

Even with the knowledge that an eclipse is a natural (and temporary) phenomenon, it's a surreal experience to sit in the shadow of a complete eclipse ... Something came between the sun and me and distorted reality.

(Jon Tyson, Chasing Shadows)

## Wake Up & Get Dressed

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

(Ephesians 5:8)

You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ... But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

(1 Thessalonians 5: 5-6, 8)

To call them children of light is, in biblical terminology, to say that they have the basic nature of light: that light is their parent and has passed on to them its nature, as any parent does.

(Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart)

## **Transformed By THE Light**

Three Core Areas

Accordingly, the greatest need you and I have—the greatest need of collective humanity—is renovation of our hearts. That spiritual place within us from which outlook, choices, and actions come has been formed by a world away from God. Now it must be transformed. (Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*)

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