

MARCH 15, 2026

# REDEEMER WEEKLY

REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON, OHIO

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## “LIGHT IN THE LORD”

EPHESIANS 5:8-14



*for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (9) (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), (10) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. (11) Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (12) For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. (13) But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, (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.”*

*-Ephesians 5:8-14*

In today’s passage, the apostle Paul reminds believers of the remarkable change that takes place when God saves a sinner through Jesus Christ. Scripture speaks plainly about our former condition. Apart from Christ, we were not merely surrounded by darkness; we were darkness itself, separated from the life of God and without hope in the world. Yet through the mercy of God and the redeeming work of Christ, those who once walked in darkness have been brought into the light.

Paul declares this new reality with sobering simplicity: “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” Because of this transforming grace, believers are called to walk as children of light. The Christian life flows from what God has already accomplished through Christ. As the Spirit works through the Word, the fruit of that light is cultivated by lives marked by goodness, righteousness, and truth.

This morning’s message will consider Paul’s call to remember the grace that has saved us, to walk according to our new identity in Christ, to turn away from the unfruitful works of darkness, and to live daily in the light of the Savior who has redeemed us. As we reflect on this passage, may the Lord deepen our gratitude for His grace and strengthen our desire to walk faithfully in the light of Christ.

**SOVEREIGN GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE  
APRIL 11 AND 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

# STRENGTH FOR SUBDUING OUR SINFULNESS



ROBERT  
HALDANE

*“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” - Galatians 2:20*

True spiritual mortification does not consist in sin not being in you, nor in its being put upon the cross daily, nor yet in its being kept upon it. There must be something more to establish perfect peace in your conscience; and that is the testimony of God concerning the body of sin. He has provided for your perfect deliverance from it in Christ. Everything needful for this purpose was finished by Him upon the cross. He was your Surety. He suffered for you. Your sins were crucified with Him and nailed to the cross. They were put to death when He died; for He was your covenant Head, and you were legally represented by Him, and are indeed dead to sin by His dying to sin once.

The law has now no more right to condemn you, a believer, than it has to condemn Him. Justice is bound to deal with you, as it has with your risen and ascended Saviour. If you do not thus see your complete mortification in Him, sin will reign in you. No sin can be crucified either in heart or life, unless it was first pardoned in conscience; because there will be lack of faith to receive the strength of Jesus, by whom alone it can be crucified. If it be not mortified in its guilt, it cannot be subdued in its power.

If the believer does not see his perfect deadness to sin in Jesus, he will open a wide door to unbelief; and if he be not persuaded of his completeness in Christ, he gives room for the attacks of self-righteousness and legal tempers. If Christ be not all in all, self must still be looked upon as something great, and there will be food left for the pride of self-importance and self-sufficiency; so that he cannot grow into the death of Christ in sensible experience, further than he believes himself to be dead to sin in Christ. The more clearly and steadfastly he believes this, as the Apostle did, “I am crucified with Christ,” in proportion will he cleave to Christ, and receive from Him greater power to crucify sin.

This believing view of his absolute mortification in Christ is the true Gospel method of mortifying sin in our own persons. Read Romans 6, and pray for the Spirit of revelation to open it to you. There you will discover the true way to mortify sin. It is by believing that you are planted together with Christ in His death. From here only your daily victory grows.

**Robert Haldane** (28 February 1764 – 12 December 1842) was a religious writer and Scottish theologian. Author of *Commentaire sur l'Épître aux Romains*, *On the Inspiration of Scripture* and *Exposition of the Epistle to the Romans*.

## Announcements (DV)



### Blessing Box Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items each Sunday to help stock our Free Store Blessing Box and serve families in need in our community.

### Spring Bible Conference & Fellowship Dinner

Sat-Sun, April 11-12, 2026

Join us for our Spring Bible Conference with preaching from Pastor Jason Boothe. Invite family and friends. On Sunday, please bring a covered dish and stay for lunch after the service. The church will provide the main course.



### Visit the Church Website

Go to [RedeemerPiketon.org](http://RedeemerPiketon.org) for sermons, Bible study resources, teaching videos, and gospel-centered articles. New content is added regularly. Share it with others as a trusted source for biblical encouragement and teaching.

## The Church at Worship Sunday March 15, 2025 11:30 AM



### Announcements

#### Call to Worship

#### Pastoral Prayer

#Hymn 38 "10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord"

#### Psalm Reading

# Hymn 449 "Have Thine Own Way"

#### Sermon

#Hymn 104 "Not in Me"

#### Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Greg Flannery

Jason Boothe

Keith Boothe

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*"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." I Peter 1:2 KJV*

When preaching the gospel, we do not proclaim to sinners that there is a possibility of redemption, but that redemption has been accomplished and secured by the blood of Christ (Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:12; Isaiah 40:1-2).

The obedience spoken of in I Peter 1:2 is twofold.

First and foremost, the "obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" refers to the obedience of Christ as our representative and the redemption He accomplished as our substitute by the sprinkling of His blood. This takes us back to the Passover and to the sprinkling of the blood on the door posts of the house; and also, to the sprinkling of the blood on the mercy-seat on the Day of Atonement. Both of those things were pictures of our LORD's great work of redemption. That Peter has this in mind is clear (1st Peter 1:18-21; Philippians 2:9).

Secondly, the obedience and sprinkling of blood mentioned in our text also refers to "the obedience of faith" unto which we were brought to trust the blood of Christ (Romans 3:24). Read Hebrews 9:11-14. God, the Holy Spirit, sanctifies His elect, giving us faith in Christ, and as the sinner looks to Christ, he understands that the blood of Christ was sprinkled on the heavenly altar declares him redeemed, forgiven, justified, and holy before God. His conscience is purged. This is the testimony of every true believer. God has chosen us, sanctified us, and redeemed us in Christ.



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# LIGHT IN THE LORD

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Have you ever walked into a dark room and reached for the light switch? The moment the light comes on, everything changes. Suddenly you can see where you are going. The room feels different, and you are able to move around safely.

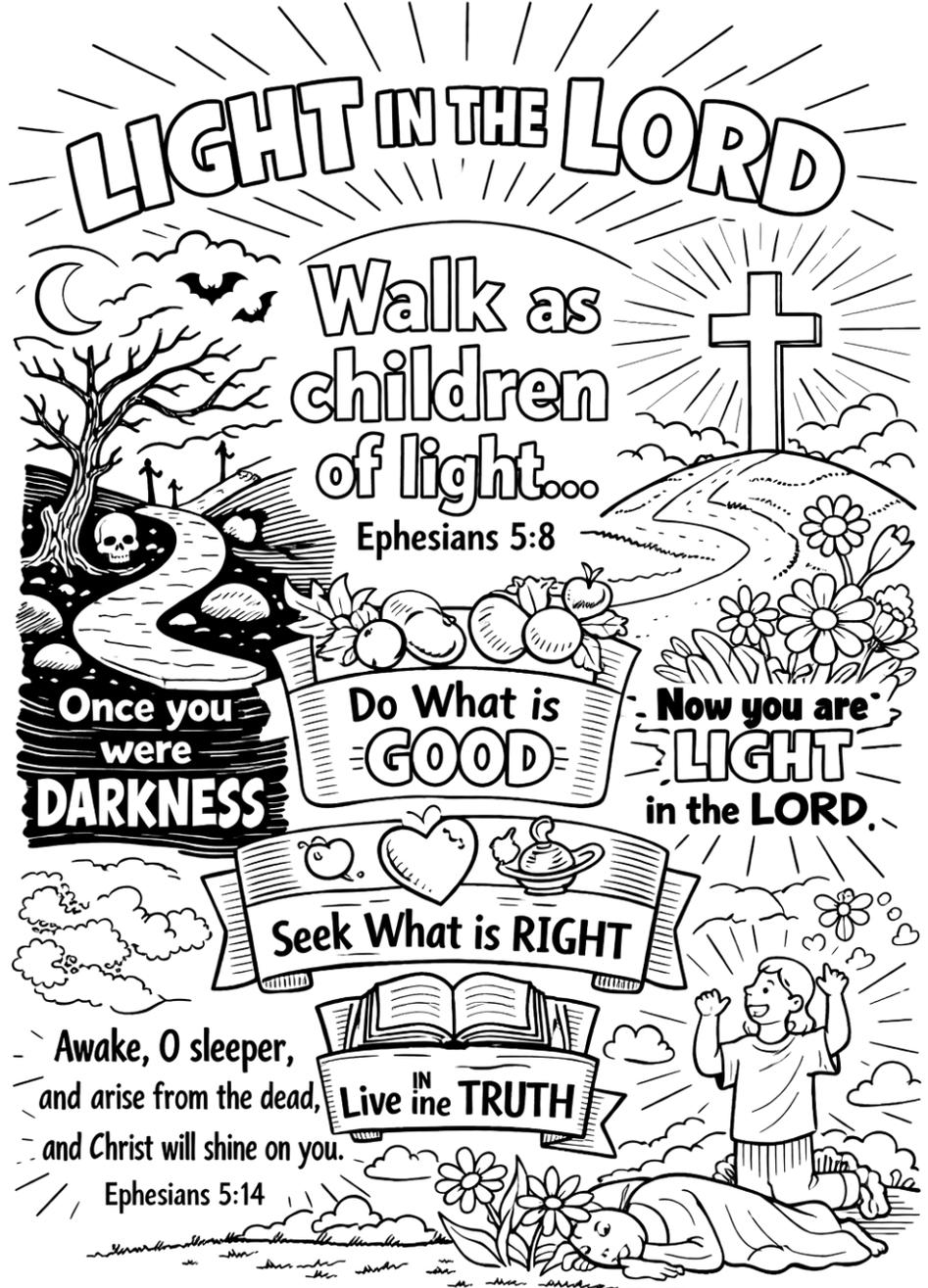
The Bible uses this same picture to help us understand what happens when someone is brought to faith in Christ.

In Ephesians 5:8 the apostle Paul writes, "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

Before we know Jesus, our hearts are like that dark room. We do not see clearly, and we often choose things that are wrong. But when Jesus saves us, His light shines in our hearts. He forgives our sins and gives us newness of life.

Paul says that people who belong to Jesus should "walk as children of light." That means we trust in the truth of Christ and not in our own works. The Bible says the fruit of the light includes what is good, right, and true.

- We should choose what is good by being kind and helping others.
- We should choose what is right by doing what God's Word teaches.
- We should choose what is true by speaking honestly and trusting what the Bible says.



Christians still make mistakes! When that happens, we can come to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, and trust Him to help us keep walking in His light.

The light of Christ shines through our lives by faith. We love God and love others. When people see that light, they can learn about Jesus too.

### Think About It:

What is one good, right, or true thing you can do today that shows the light of Jesus?

### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for sending Jesus to bring light into the lives of His people. Help us walk as children of light and doing what is good, right, and true. Amen.





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# *Sovereign Grace Bible Conference*

*Saturday 7PM and Sunday 10:30 AM  
April 11-12, 2026*



Join us for a weekend of Gospel preaching and teaching at the Sovereign Grace Bible Conference, presented by the congregation of Redeemer Church of Piketon, Ohio.

**Pastor Jason Boothe** will deliver the conference sermons this year!



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