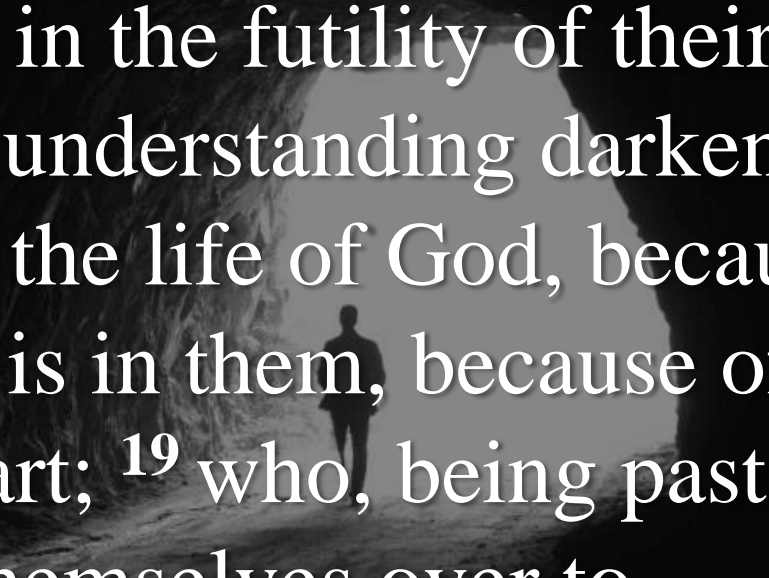


A Life in Darkness

Ephesians 4:17-19

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¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.



What Causes Life in Darkness?

- **Ignorance of God & His Will**
 - *Psalm 82:5* No knowledge or understanding = Darkness
 - *John 1:1-9* Light (Word) not understood by dark world
 - *Romans 1:18-23* Ignorance → Irrational rejection of God
- **Self-Deception to Intensify Ignorance**
 - *Romans 10:1-3* Ignorance of God's will, focus on man's
 - *John 9:24-33* Blind man saw what human vision did not
 - *Matthew 13:10-15* Lack of sight & hearing → Dull heart
- **Actions that Manifest Darkness**
 - *John 3:18-21* When darkness is loved, evil action present
 - *Romans 1:26-32* Debased mind → Vile passion → Sinful
 - *Ephesians 5:3-14* Vast difference in effect of light & dark

Alienation from Christ in Darkness Is Due to...

Wrong Actions

Wrong Will (Mind)

Wrong Information