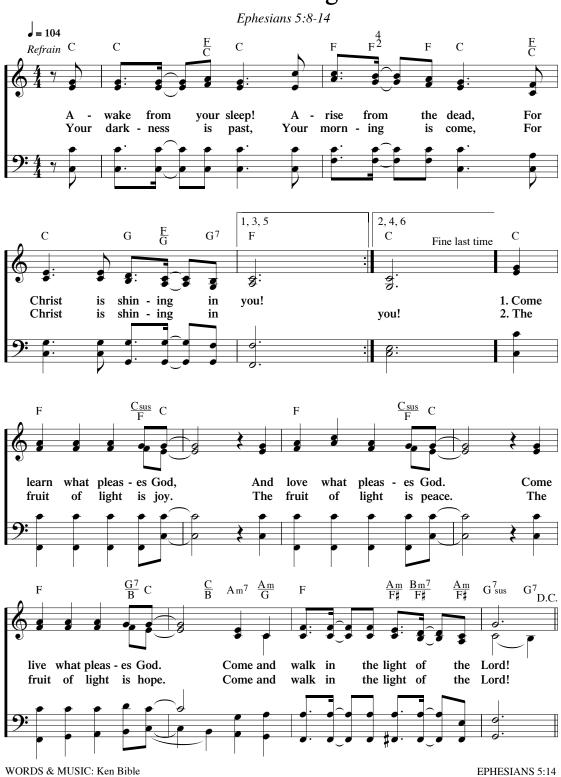
## Christ Is Shining in You



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LEAD-IN: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as

children of the light. "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will

shine on you." (Ephesians 5:8, 14, NIV)

Bible scholars tell us that this passage was probably part of an early Christian hymn for baptism. This new hymn, *Christ Is Shining in You*, allows us to use this passage much as early Christians may have. Through our singing, let's encourage each other to leave the darkness of our past lives and walk in the beautiful light of

Christ's presence.

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Prayer Response to Ephesians 5:1-20**

Father, I am pleased when I see my children

imitating my better qualities.

Help me to daily imitate

Your character and

Your personality.

Shape the way I walk day by day.

Help me to walk

like Christ,

with every word, attitude, and action flowing from His Spirit in me.

Help me to walk

joyfully,

rejecting every angry, bitter, anxious thought.

Help me to live

wisely,

in full response to You.

Help me to stay

focused on knowing Your will,

doing Your will,

always pleasing You.

Help me to remain

gladly ready to give myself, not

drawn away by greed,

dulled by self-indulgence, or

distracted by shallow physical stimulants.

Father, I want to be

giving thanks to You

always,

in all things, with heart, mind, and voice.

I want to walk
as Your true child,
in the holy beauty of Your Son,
Jesus Christ.

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