

# God's Revealing Light

## Confession

God, we confess that we are quick to judge others and not acknowledge our own sins and weaknesses. *(Pause for silence.)*

We confess that we do not always follow your example because immorality, impurity, and greed are part of our lives, and obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes come from our lips. God, we need your light to shine on us to expose the things we say and do that are not pleasing to you. *(Pause.)*

Forgive us our sins.

## Assurance of Pardon

Though your hearts were once filled with darkness, now you are full of the light of the Lord. This light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Walk in the light for you are no longer blind.

## Benediction

Leave from here knowing that you are a forgiven sinner with the light and power of God living in and through you so that those who are spiritually blind can say, "I believe!"

**Text for today:** "You yourselves used to be in the darkness, but since you have become the Lord's people, you are in the light. So you must live like people who belong to the light, for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth. Try to learn what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the worthless things that people do, things that belong to the darkness. Instead, bring them out to the light. (It is really too shameful even to talk about the things they do in secret.) And when all things are brought out to the light, then their true nature is clearly revealed; for anything that is clearly revealed becomes light. That is why it is said, '*Wake up, sleeper*, and rise from death, and Christ will shine on you' " (Eph. 5:8-14, *GNT*). **Bible readings for today:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14 (14); John 9:1-41.