

*The Adopted Life*

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## **Light is For Life**

As I read the lectionary text from Ephesians 5:8-14, I couldn't help but reflect on something powerful that I recently read in George McDonald's *Creation in Christ: Unspoken Sermons*, edited and abridged by Rolland Hein. Here is what he writes on pp.19-20:

*But light is not enough; light is for the sake of life. We too must have life in ourselves. We too must, like the Life Himself, live. We can live in no way but that in which Jesus lived, in which life was made in Him. That way is, to give up our life. This is the one supreme action of life possible to us for the making of life in ourselves. Christ did it of Himself, and so became light to us, that we might be able to do it in ourselves, after Him, and through His originating act.*

*...The help that He has given and gives, the light and spirit-working of the Lord, the Spirit, in our hearts, is all in order that we may, as we must, do it ourselves. Till then we are not alive; life is not made in us. The whole strife and labour and agony of the Son with every man, is to get him to die as He died...If I say not with my whole heart, "My Father, do with me as you will, only help me against myself and for you," then I have not yet laid hold upon that for which Christ has laid hold upon me.*

That is what I believe the Father is trying to get across to us in this passage through Jesus, in the Spirit, and by the handwriting of Paul. The purpose of Light is that we might live, and help others live, the Life, forever, for Life!

*~ Tim Brassell*