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The Bridge Bible Fellowship  
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Eph. 5:3-14

### “Walk in Sexual Purity – Part 4”

1. Walk in Unity – 4:2-16
2. Walk in Holiness (new life) – 4:17-24
3. Walk in Love – 4:25-5:2

#### 4. Walk in Sexual Purity – 5:3-14

##### a. Method (3-4)

##### b. Motivation (5-14)

- 1) Those who Walk in Sexual Sin will NOT go to Heaven (5) – cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 22:15
- 2) Those who Walk in Sexual Sin WILL experience God’s Judgment / Wrath (6) – cf. Gen. 18-19; Rom. 1:24-32; 1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Heb. 13:4; 2 Pet. 2:18-19; Jude 4-7; Rev. 19:15; 21:8
- 3) A Believer’s New \_\_\_\_\_ is Light, not Darkness (7-10) –<sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them; <sup>8</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup> trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. – cf. Jn. 3:3; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:9-10; 4:1-5
  
- 4) Sexual Sin is Contrary to your \_\_\_\_\_ in the World (11-14) - <sup>11</sup> Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; <sup>12</sup> for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup> For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” - cf. 1 Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 6:14; Rom. 13:12; Col. 1:12-13; Lev. 19:17; 1 Tim. 5:20; Tit. 1:9; Is. 26:19; 51:17; 52:1; 60:1; Rom. 13:11

So what?

## Discussion & Application:

1. What does the Bible mean when it uses the metaphors of “**darkness**” and “**light**”? How is Paul using it in Eph. 5? How does John use it in 1 John 1:5-7? What are some practical ways we can “**walk as children of light**”? How should this impact our fellowship with one another?
2. **Verse 9 is a parenthesis.** Read Eph. 5:8 & 5:10 without verse 9. What does it say? The word “**trying**” at the beginning of verse 10 could be translated “**testing**” or “**proving.**” How do you test or prove things? How should we test or prove what is pleasing to the Lord? Where do we look? What counsel do we seek?
3. Light produces **fruit**. What is the fruit it produces in verse 9? Define each of those words and give practical examples of how they should show up in our lives. What is the fruit of darkness? (see Gal. 5:19-21)
4. What does it mean to “**expose**” the unfruitful deeds of darkness (verse 11)? How do we do that if it’s disgraceful to even speak about it?
5. Men love darkness (John 3:19) instead of the light. They think what they are pursuing is truly fulfilling and satisfying. How can we make the **light** of Jesus, His **purity**, His **truth**, more attractive to a watching world?
6. Who is Paul writing to in Eph. 5:14? Who or what is he quoting? What is his point? Are there **unbelievers** that attend churches? What is he calling them to do? (See Is. 55:1-7 also)
7. How important is it that we walk in sexual purity (walk in the light)? What impact can / should it have on unbelievers who are watching us? What will they conclude if we say we love Jesus but have a lifestyle of sexually impure desires, words, jokes, and actions?
8. **Are you currently engaging in sexual sin?** Ask the Lord to search your life and see if there is any pattern of sinful thoughts, words, or actions. If there are, repent, confess them to God, and start walking in sexual purity. Seek out an accountability partner who can pray for you and encourage you to walk in purity for the glory of God.

[Answers to blanks: **Nature; Mission**]