

Ephesians

A CHURCH BUILT ON CHRIST

Message Title: **Love, Lust, and Light**

Ephesians 5:3-14 LSB | Sunday, July 10, 2022 | Jack Lamb

¹But sexual immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;⁴ *nor* filthiness and foolish talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no one sexually immoral or impure or greedy, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them,⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of that light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹ And do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead even expose them.¹² For it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.¹³ But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.¹⁴ For this reason it says,
“Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.”

Introduction

1. Recognizing the _____ v. 3-6

God's People are not _____ People v. 3-4a

Gratitude is the _____ to Immorality

v. 3-4a

_____ People Do Not Go To Heaven

v. 3-4a

2. Reacting to the _____ v. 7-19

Recognizing the _____ v. 3-6

God's People are not _____ People v. 3-4a

Application Questions

- 1. There are professing Christians that argue that the Bible permits committed, loving homosexual relationships. How would you counter this with Scripture?***
- 2. Where is the balance between being in the world, but not of the world (John 17:15-16)? How can we keep a check on ourselves so that we don't cross the line?***

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?