



Ephesians 5:3-14

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Message Recap

Paul warns that the greatest danger to the believer isn't always an obvious fall into sin, but a slow drift where what once shocked us begins to feel normal. What we tolerate eventually becomes what we celebrate. Greed and lust aren't just behaviors—they're idols that reshape our identity.

But in Christ, we are not darkness—we are light. Light doesn't blend in, it breaks in. Darkness grows in secret, but light heals in the open. And Paul sounds the alarm: "Wake up, sleeper." Don't settle for numb living or quiet compromise. Christ is shining, and His light sets you free.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- Icebreaker:

What's a comfort food, show, or hobby that you know isn't the best for you but feels hard to give up?

- Reflection:

What was one insight, illustration, or principle from the message that really stood out to you or challenged you?

Discussion Questions

- Paul says, "*not even a hint*" of immorality, impurity, or greed should be among God's people (Eph. 5:3). Why do you think he uses such strong language?
- Why do you think gratitude is described as "spiritual warfare" in this passage (Eph. 5:4)?
- What makes compromise feel easier in the short-term, but more damaging in the long-term?
- How do you know when you're starting to "go numb" spiritually? What warning signs show up for you?
- What's one area in your life right now where you need to step into the light instead of staying in the shadows?

For Additional Study

Colossians 3:5–10

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature... greed, which is idolatry... You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these...

- How does this passage echo Paul's command in Ephesians 5?
- What does it mean to "put off the old self" and "put on the new self" in your current season?

John 3:19–21

Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil... But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

- Why is it so easy to stay in the dark rather than come into the light?
- What gives you courage to step into the light of Christ even when it feels uncomfortable?