



*Ephesians – The Gospel Unites*  
Light Exposes Darkness  
Ephesians 5:3-14 (page 978/1244)  
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Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Do Not Walk in Darkness (5:3-5)

2. Walk in Light (5:6-14)

1. If you are caught in the web of sexual sin, reach out to a friend or one of the elders so we can help you apply the life-giving power of the gospel in your struggle. The warning in Eph. 5:5 is real, but so is the power of the gospel described in Eph. 1:3-14.
2. In Eph. 5:3, the believers are called saints (holy ones, set apart ones). In Eph. 5:5, non-believers are called sexually immoral, impure, and covetous. These are identity statements. How does our identity affect our behavior?
3. How serious is sexual sin? Read Eph. 5:5; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:21.
4. Eph. 5:5 speaks about how those who are identified by these sins do not have an inheritance in the Kingdom. Read Eph. 1:13-14. How should we understand the Holy Spirit guaranteeing the Christian's inheritance? See also Eph. 4:30; 5:18.

5. Read Eph. 5:8-9. Discuss the significance of the words “one time” and “now.”
  
6. How would the meaning of Eph. 5:9 change if it read “now you are in the light”? Why would this matter?
  
7. Paul calls us to “expose” the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). In the message we learned that this was a reference to those in the church. The word “expose” is the same Greek word used in Matt. 18:15 for “tell”. How can you understand your role as a Christian in helping your brother/sister in their sin? See also Gal. 6:1-3.
  
8. Exposing in Eph. 5:11 is a gracious thing. It is intended to restore rather than punish. Do you tend to look at correcting people as an act of love or an act of punishment? How about when others correct you? Why does God want to correct in his love, and why is this a good thing?