

SESSION 21
EPHESIANS 5.3-8

Overarching Themes in Ephesians: "The letter dwells profoundly upon the Person of Jesus Christ and The Church." RP Martin

Context: Paul's exhortation regarding the nature and function of the renewed mind, that through knowing the cost of the forgiveness we have in Christ, we are freed from unforgiveness toward others and can walk in the agape love of Christ that reflects the heart of God Himself. True humility is birthed at the Cross of Christ.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session: Your deportment in the world must be consistent with the Light and Truth of Christ in your heart. The truth of your life in Christ will be tested and must stand inspection.

V 3 To what does Paul appeal as he exhorts the readers to pursue sexual purity and the avoidance of covetousness? 1 Jn 2.15-16

What is unique about sexual sin? 1 Cor 6.15-20 esp v 18

How can the solid application of our true identity in Christ help us navigate the potholes of sexual sin?

V 4 To what kind of sin does Paul turn his attention to in this verse?

What important word do you find in verses 3 and 4 and what is the implication?

What is the power of earnest thanksgiving to God in crosscutting all of the listed sins of the tongue? Col 2.6-7

V 5-6 These verses are the axle upon which the whole section is turning. What is the point Paul is making here and what warning does Paul advance that is extremely relevant to our present culture? Jer 29.8-9

What is the mechanism of deceit behind false teaching and prophecy? Rm 1.18

Consider Mtt 7.13-14. How does this verse speak to the issues here? See also Hb 12.14 and 2 Cor 13.5.

V 7 What is the "Therefore" therefore?

V 8 This verse begins the "Light Section" of this letter that continues through V 14. What is the charge Paul is issuing and what is the basis of this command?

What again is the significance of "children" in this verse as seen also in V 1?