

“Shining Christ’s Light on Dark Impurity” (Ephesians 5:3–14)

**Big Idea: We who are Christ’s light must shun and illumine dark impurity.**

- I. Christians shun dark impurity. (verses 3–6)
  - a. Shun impure actions and desires as saints. (verse 3)
  - b. Replace casual filth and folly with thanksgiving. (verse 4)
  - c. Reject the idolatrous impurity which damns all whom it defines. (verses 5–6)

“Deceive you with empty words”: Ephesians 4:13–14; 2 Peter 2:17–22

- II. Christians are now light and not darkness. (verses 7–10)
  - a. Christians cannot share the lifestyle of rebels against God. (verse 7)

1 Peter 4:3–5
  - b. Christians must pursue a lifestyle which matches their new nature. (verse 8)

Colossians 1:9–14
  - c. Christians must produce God’s own virtues in their lifestyle. (verse 9)

2 Peter 1:2–4
  - d. Christians must determine how to please the Lord in their lifestyle. (verse 10)

Romans 12:2

- III. Christians illumine dark impurity. (verses 11–14)
  - a. The fruit of light exposes and transforms the shameful works of darkness. (verses 11–14a)

Hebrews 11:7

- b. Christ is the God who speaks light and life into darkness and death. (verse 14b)

Isaiah 26:19; John 5:21–29; 11:25–26; Ephesians 2:1–12

Isaiah 52:1; 59:19–60:3; Matthew 5:14–16; 1 Peter 2:9–12