

Ephesians

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³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no 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 become partners with them;

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

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Be Imitators of God...

What is the summary command for these directives? 4:30; Gen.6:6; Ps.78:40; Isa.63:10

What are more things we must *put away*? 4:31; Ps.64:3; Col.3:8; James 1:19

What are some things we must *add*? 4:32 ; Rom.12:10; ICor.13:4; Col.3:12-13; Mt.18:21-35

What is our example in this living? 5:1-2 ; Mt.5:45, 48; IPet.1:15-16; IJn.4:11

What is specifically prohibited for believers? 5:3 ; Rom.6:13; ICor.5:11, 6:9-20

What is associated with this impure behavior? 5:4, 19-20; 1:16; Ps.33:1, 92:1, 107:21-22

What is the sober warning of 5:5? ICor.6:9-10; Gal.5:19-21; Rev.21:8

And be further warned about what? 5:6; Jer.21:8-9; Mt.24:4, 24; Col.2:8; IJn.4:1

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Bitterness, wrath (savage), anger (4:26), clamor (shouting, brawling), slander, malice (evil)

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Filthiness (obscenity), foolish talk (dull, stupid), crude joking; rather let it be thanksgiving

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Being deceived by empty words, because of these things the wrath of God comes...!