



# Sexuality - Closing the Gap

## Ephesians 5:3-14

*God's blessings in Christ have called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.*

*Therefore we commit ourselves to controlling our bodies in holiness and honor.*

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*Walk as children of light and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

The darkness of sexual immorality  
described . . .

5:3-7

Sexual behaviors prohibited . . .

*must not even be named among you*

Sexual immorality

All impurity

Covetousness

The darkness of sexual immorality  
described . . .

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Inappropriate talk replaced . . .

v.4

*which are out of place*

filthiness

foolish talk

crude joking

The darkness of sexual immorality  
described . . .

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In terms of severe consequences.

5:5-7

Be certain . . . excluded from God's kingdom

Don't be deceived . . . under God's wrath

Being light in a culture of sexual darkness  
explained 5:8-14

*walk as children of light*

Light reveals how things really are.  
9-10

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You will express appreciation for God's  
perspective of sexuality. 5:4

You will make careful decisions to  
please the Lord. 5:10

You will expose the barrenness of  
sexual darkness. 5:11-14

Tell God in humility that you are ready to listen to him and obey him regarding your sexual challenges.

Renew your commitment to the absolute joy and freedom of holiness and honor in sexual matters.

Ask for help.

Thank God for his calling you out of darkness into his marvelous light in Christ Jesus.

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*Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;*

*Let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!*

*Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.*

Psalm 43:3-4

