

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Children of Light” – Part II – Ephesians 5:4-8

I. Review

A. Part I – Verses 3-4

1. Six intolerable vices

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

2. Ephesians 4:20-24a

B. Today’s text: Ephesians 5:1-8

II. The other four vices and concluding remarks on wickedness.

A. Greed, verse 3.

1. Compound Greek word – “to have more”

- a. Term is always used in a negative sense

2. Other New Testament uses

- a. Ephesians 4:19; Colossians 3:5

3. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

4. Jesus on the topic – Matthew 6:24

B. Filthiness, silly talk, and course jesting – verse 4.

1. The trio are similar.

- a. Filthiness concerns general obscenity.

1. Also used in verse 12

2. Related to Paul’s remarks to the Colossians, Col. 3:8

- b. Silly talk

1. Dull or stupid talk

2. MacArthur

- c. Course jesting

1. Taking something innocent and turning it into something obscene and suggestive.

C. Concluding remarks on wickedness

1. Ephesians 5:5-8

- a. There is no room to model this behavior.

- b. Wrath – Even today! You bet!

1. Romans 2:5-8

- c. Jesus dies that the Christian would not be exposed to God’s righteous indignation.

- d. “Children of Light”

1. To be in the world but not of the world.

- a. John 17:14-20

- e. Think before you react.

D. Covenantal relationship to the body of Christ.

1. Misguided uses of terms and phrases which fosters individualism

2. We are part of something much larger than ourselves.
Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 1:18-23

3. Being part of the body means we can adorn it or bring dishonor to it.

- a. Membership induction

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Do co-workers, family members, and neighbors, who are not Christians, see a difference in the way you talk and act?

- B. Remember that Paul says that these six vices are not even to be hinted at.

- C. Remember that you are a part of the body.