



**Ephesians**

*Finding Your Place,  
Finding Your Way*

## Wake Up, Sleeper

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### **Ephesians 5:1-20**

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Discussion Questions

Do you know anyone you would consider a fuddy-duddy?

What makes them a fuddy-duddy?

Is there anything good about being a fuddy-duddy?

What does it mean to follow God's example?

Is it even possible to do so?

Why does Paul specifically begin with sexual immorality, impurity, and greed?

How can there be 'not even a hint'?

Why does Paul speak so strongly against foolish talk?

Why is it linked so closely with this impurity he's addressing?

What does Paul mean when he calls us to expose the 'fruitless deeds of darkness'?

What happens once they are exposed?

What does this Christian life look like when lived?