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**HOLINESS**

PART THREE

“Now suppose you came to a country where you could fill a theatre by simply bringing a covered plate on to the stage and then slowly lifting the cover so as to let everyone see, just before the lights went out, that it contained a mutton chop or a bit of bacon, would you not think that in that country something had gone wrong with the appetite for food?”

And would not anyone who had grown up in a different world think there was something equally strange about the state of the sex instinct among us?”

C.S LEWIS

“Our attitudes towards sex have become warped and perfected and have deviated from its true function as an expression of love and a means for procreation... It’s inconceivable what it must be like to be an adolescent boy now with this kind of access to porn. It must be dizzying and exciting yet corrupting in a way we can’t even imagine.”

RUSSELL BRAND



# ADOPTION: THE FUEL OF HOLINESS

EPHESIANS 5:1-2 ESV

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1 JOHN 4:19-20 CSB

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, “I love God,” and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.







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EPHESIANS 5:3-4 ESV

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MATT 5:27-28 ESV

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



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“Let me tell you why Christianity is spreading so fast. Christians busy themselves on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven...They marry and have children, but they do not kill unwanted babies. They share their table with everyone, but they don't share their bed with everyone. They love everyone but are persecuted by all.”

LETTER TO DIOGNETUS



# AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WALK IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 5:5-6 ESV

<sup>5</sup> 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.



# AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WALK IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 5:5-6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.



“It is not falling into the water, but lying in the water that drowns. It is not falling into sin, but lying in sin, that destroys the soul.”

THOMAS BROOKS



# AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WALK IN LIGHT

EPHESIANS 5:8-14 ESV

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

“We don’t conquer our sins by heroic willpower, we just  
confess them to death!”

RAY ORTLUND



# AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WALK IN LIGHT

1 JOHN 1:5-7 ESV

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.



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1 JOHN 1:5-7 ESV

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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EPHESIANS 5:8-14 ESV

<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.



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EPHESIANS 5:8-14 ESV

<sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”



# GOSPEL-POWERED PURITY

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