

We are created for relationship.

We have a deep need to be loved.

And we are! (Ephesians 1:4-5)

Love needs a dictionary. Jesus is the vocabulary and grammar and the revelation of God's love.

God's gospel purpose is to restore holy harmony: unity to all things; one new humanity; a holy temple.
(Ephesians 1:10; 2:15; 2:21)

Ephesians 5 is framed by Christ's cross.

(5:1-2; 5:31-32)

'Walk in the way of love just...just as Christ loved us and gave himself'

God's love is a holy love. God's holy people (1:1) called to be holy (1:4)

"Royal Children. Royal Manners."

5:3-7 CONDUCT OF DARKNESS

5:3 Don't love selfishly. Sexual immorality equal to idolatry and greed (insatiability).

5:4 Don't cheapen sexuality by engaging in foolish obscenity or course joking. Somethings should never be laughed at. Somethings should not be mentioned. These are improper for God's holy people. They are out of place for Christian living.

Human sexuality is a divine gift.

Not being thankful for who God is and how he has made us and what he has given us lies behind sexual wickedness.
(Ephesians 5:4,20; see Romans 1:21)

5:5-7 Idolatry keeps people out of God's kingdom without repentance from sin.

5:8-21 CHILDREN OF LIGHT

"In a world of fugitives, the person taking the opposite direction will appear to run away." (T. S. Eliot)

'For you were once darkness' (Now 'you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.'

We have been shone upon. Light shines - it doesn't shout.

Are you sleeping? Wake Up. Are you struggling? Find out what pleases the Lord (5:10).

Be Wise (5:15-17)

Be Filled (5:18-20)

Signs of the Spirit – speaking singing thanking submitting
Rejoicing Reverence

Does what pleases God please me?