

### Bible Study 13 – Living holy lives – Eph. 5:3–7

*God designed our senses so that they adjust to minimize harsh stimuli. Your eyes adjust to bright sunlight so that it doesn't seem so bright or to a dark room so that it isn't so dark. Your ears filter out certain noises so that you don't even think about them. Your senses of smell, taste and touch work the same way. Our spiritual senses also work like our physical senses – but this is to our disadvantage. When we first hear of some terrible sin, we shrink back in horror and disgust. But if we are exposed to this sin repeatedly, so that it becomes commonplace, we tend to accept it or at least shrug it off. Paul warns against this in our Bible passage for today.*

<b>The context</b>	Believers have spiritual blessings “in Christ”. The Holy Spirit is a deposit that guarantees our resurrection. Paul prayed for the believers. Salvation is a gift received from God. That people of all cultures and nationalities can be united in the church was a new revelation to Paul. Believers in a church have unity of the Holy Spirit and a diversity of spiritual gifts. Mature Christians are Christlike and countercultural.
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#### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Ephesians 5:3–7***

Sexual sin (v.3)	
Verbal sin (v.4)	
Two warnings (v.5-6)	
Christian response (v.7)	

#### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***

***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. How is a “greedy [lustful] person” an idolater? v.5***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Because they are set apart for God and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, believers should not practice a sinful lifestyle. In particular, this means avoiding some things like sexual sin and sinful speech, which are prevalent in our culture today.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

