



## *Ephesians 5:3-5*

### **Don't Be Like the Pagans**

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## **Vices That Must Not Characterize Christians**

### **Ephesians 5:3 (LEB)**

But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or greediness, **must not even be named** among you (as is fitting for saints),

- "not named" is in the imperative mood
- "Saints" are "sanctified ones" and these sins cannot be tolerated among us

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## **Thanksgiving Not Vulgarly**

### **Ephesians 5:4 (LEB)**

and obscenity, and foolish talk, or coarse jesting (which are not proper), but rather **thanksgiving**.

- Obscenity here means "shameful speech"
- Foolish talk and coarse jesting are from Greek words used only here in NT
- Do not mimic the vulgar, pagan culture
- The antidote to crude speech is thanksgiving

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## **Live Like Citizens of the Kingdom**

### **Ephesians 5:5 (LEB)**

For this you know for certain, that every sexually immoral person, or unclean person, or greedy person (who is an idolater), **does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**.

- Those who live pagan lifestyles are not part of the "one new man" (Eph. 2:15)
- "Inheritance" was mentioned 3 times in Ephesians 1; it is important and thematic

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## Implications and Applications

- Those who are part of the one new man have laid aside the old man
- True thankfulness will help Christians not be coarse and boorish
- Those who are being fitted together into the temple of God are citizens of the Kingdom

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## Changed Lives From Old to New

### Colossians 3:8-10 (LEB)

But now you also lay aside all these things: anger, rage, wickedness, slander, abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, because you have **taken off the old man** together with his deeds, and **have put on the new man** that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one who created him,

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## Thanksgiving and Prayer

### Philippians 4:5, 6 (LEB)

Let your gentleness be made known to all people. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

- **Play on words: gentleness known to all, serious concerns—known to God**
- **Thankfulness mitigates bitter complaining**

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## Citizenship in Heaven

### Philippians 3:20, 21 (NASB)

For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

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