

# BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

## A STIRRING SUMMONS TO PURITY

### EPHESIANS 5:1–7



### The Heart of the Matter

Belief and behavior always go hand in hand—in that order. What we do is always based on what we believe . . . about God, about ourselves, about others. However, some will suggest that what we do is not as important as what we believe. Others will suggest that belief is not as important as action. But belief without deeds is hypocrisy, while action without beliefs ends in confusion. After discussing right belief in the first half of the book, Paul shifted his focus to action, calling Christians to pure living.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. A Living Picture of Love (Ephesians 5:1–2)

We are to model our lives after God as revealed in Christ, offering ourselves to God that we might be used by Him.

#### 2. Strong Words against Love's Enemies (Ephesians 5:3–7)

Many temptations and sins sit along our paths, endangering the purity of our love and our lives, so we must avoid those who would lead us astray.



### Starting Your Journey

We are not to take part in the sins of the sexually immoral and the filthy talkers; instead, we should show a clear distinction between our behavior and theirs.

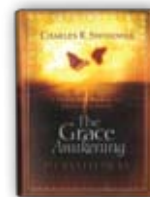


### Tools for Digging Deeper



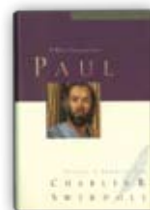
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