

**26** Every occurrence of bitterness and rage and anger and loud quarreling and name-calling is to be put away from you, along with every occurrence of malice. <sup>2</sup>Rather, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, showing grace to each other, just as God in Christ has also shown grace to you. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, as beloved children, be imitators of God and walk in love, even as the Messiah loved us and gave himself up as an offering and sacrifice to God for us, to be a fragrant aroma.

4:31–5:2

**27** Now—as is fitting for the *hagioi*<sup>8</sup>—sexual immorality, along with every form of sexual impurity, is not to be named among you—neither should *pleonexia*.<sup>9</sup> <sup>2</sup>Furthermore, talk about sex that is shameful and makes light of it or makes a mockery of it, these things are not appropriate. <sup>3</sup>Rather, on the contrary, there is to be a giving of thanks. <sup>4</sup>Now know and understand this: that no sexually immoral person or sexually impure person or *pleonektes*<sup>10</sup> (who is an idolator) has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and God. <sup>5</sup>No one is to deceive you with empty arguments; for because of these things the wrath of God is upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>6</sup>Therefore do not be co-participants with them.

5:3–7

§ 2.3 • Exhortation to Walk as Children of Light

## PART 13

**28** Now back then, you were darkness; but now, in the Lord, you are light. <sup>2</sup>Walk as children of light (now the fruit of the light consists in all the ways goodness and righteousness and truth manifest themselves), judging to be good what is pleasing to the Lord.

5:8–10

**29** And do not share in common with them the unfruitful deeds of darkness but, in fact, rather, show them that they are wrong. <sup>2</sup>(The things done by them in secret are shameful even to describe.) <sup>3</sup>Now the All<sup>11</sup> become manifest when they are shown to be wrong by the light.

<sup>8</sup>The *hagioi* are those individuals who have been set apart by God to be granted life in the eternal age to come as members of the eternal people of God.

<sup>9</sup>*Pleonexia* here describes sexual behavior that is unrestrained by any moral boundaries whatsoever because—due to his self-absorbed pursuit of self-gratification—the person has no regard for any moral boundaries.

<sup>10</sup>A *pleonektes* is a person who manifests the attitude and behavior of *pleonexia*. In other words, he is a person who respects no moral, legal, or social boundaries whatsoever when it comes to gratifying his sexual desires.

<sup>11</sup>Here, as elsewhere, the “All” (*ta panta*) is being used as a technical term to denote the entire set of those individuals who will constitute the eternal people of God. Here, Paul is saying that it becomes evident which particular individuals constitute the “All” when those individuals are shown the wrongness of their lives and actions. The individuals who constitute the “All” own the wrongness of their lives, repent, and turn away from their evil lives and actions. Those individuals who are not part of the “All” do not do so.

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4.Indeed, each individual who becomes manifest is light. 5.That is why it says,  
“6.Wake up, Sleepy-head, get up from the dead, and the Messiah will be shining  
on you.”

5:11-14

**30** So then, watch how meticulously you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise ones, buying up the time, because the days are evil. 2.Because of this, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 3.Indeed, do not get drunk with wine, for that is a squandering of one's life. 4.Rather, be filled by the Spirit so that you are expressing yourselves in spiritual psalms and hymns and songs, as you sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord, by always giving thanks for all things to the God and Father, in the name of our Lord, Jesus the Messiah.

5:15-20