

Discussion Questions

1. Read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations. Stop and ask God to open His word to your understanding and to change you this week.
2. Part of good Bible study is to ask questions of the text. Jot down a few interpretation questions that come to mind from this passage. For example, what did Paul mean by referring to Christ as a “fragrant aroma”?
3. What are the two commands in verses 1-2? What is the basis upon which we could possibly do the first? Why is this important and essential? What is the basis upon which we can do the second? Why is this essential as well?
4. Verse 3 in NASB reads that “immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you”. The NIV says “... there must not even be a hint.” Why must there not be a hint of these kinds of sins among believers, even being named or openly discussed?
5. What kinds of sins is Paul talking about in verse 4? What do you do when you hear others speaking this way? What is our proper response?
6. What is verse 5 saying about people who practice the sins described there?
7. Stop right now and pray for God’s grace and strength to walk in sexual purity, to abstain from lust and pornography, to keep your eyes, thought life, and mouth pure.
8. What basic contrast is Paul making in verses 6-14? Make a list of all the commands or prohibitions related to this contrast found in these verses.
9. What does the fruit of the Light consist of (v.9)? What do you notice about the word “fruit”? Try to define each term and give a specific example of each term.
10. Christ shining on us leads to transformation of both our hearts and our behavior. Can you honestly say you have been transformed by the Lord? What are some specific ways the Lord has transformed your behavior?