

In Christ: Trust Over Lust
Ephesians 5:1-14

"Greed/Covetousness" – Lust for what is not mine – Eph 5:3,5; Ex 20:17

"Idolatry" – Making a "god" of a "no god" – Eph 5:5; Ex 20:3-5; Col 3:5

"Immorality" – Sexual activity that doesn't subscribe to God's loving limits – Eph 5:3,5; Ex 20:14

Lust Operates Outside of Trust – 1 Thess 4:3-8

Christians Are Not Powerless against the Fallen Voices and Toxic Forces That Are Devoid of Love – Eph 5:3,4,6,7,11

1) We Say "Yes" to Being God's Always Loved Children – Eph 5:1; 2:4

- We are no longer what we once were – Eph 5:8; 4:18

- We are now saints – Eph 5:3

2) We Say "Yes" to God's Design for Sexual Love – Eph 5:1-2,9

- Making humans sexual beings is God's idea – Gen 1:3; Song of Sol 5:1

...sexual desires, feelings, attractions, temptations are not incompatible with faith in Christ

- Sexual activity is designed by God to be a sealing, celebratory, and procreative expression of love between a man and a woman within the context of a life-long covenant called marriage – Gen 2:24; Song of Sol 5:1; Gen 1:28; 4:1; II Cor 5:14; Matt 19:4-6)

...any sexual activity outside this is considered immoral – Eph 5:3,5

= an illegitimate way to meet a legitimate desire

= contrary to the loving design of God for human sexual activity

- When we say "Yes" to God, trust rules over lust

...love gets the final word – 1 Cor 13:4-8