**Class #20** 



## Heaven on Earth

## **Ephesians 5:3-5**

Q: If there anything wrong with engaging in "off color" humor?

Q: What does giving thanks do for you?

## Eph. 5:3-5

"But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God." (ESV)

- Q: Paul uses the word "covetousness" (greed) in vs 3 and the word "covetous" in vs. 5. Why would use the same idea twice in such a short space? What does he want us to understand?
- Q: What does Paul mean when he says these things must not be named among us? (vs. 3)
- Q: What do you think Paul is talking about in vs. 4?
- Q: Why does Paul say we should turn to giving thanks instead? (vs. 4)
- Q: What is idolatry and why is "everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous" and idolater? (vs. 5)

## What About You?

- Q: Do your sexual ethics express loyalty to God or the Dominion of Darkness (Col.1:13)?
- Q: What kind of environment does your language create?
- Q: What kind of mood do your thoughts create?