

12 – WALKING AS A BELIEVER – PART 1 (EPHESIANS 5:1-14)

I. Walk In Love (Ephesians 5:1-7)

A. Be Imitators (Ephesians 5:1)

- Once again, Paul uses the word “therefore” to express how his readers live out these truths.
- Paul calls believers to be imitators of God in how they live out their faith.
- He tells his readers to imitate God as a child would imitate their parents.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

B. Imitate Love (Ephesians 5:2)

- Paul calls his readers to walk or live out their lives in love.
- We are to do this as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.
- Paul tells us that giving himself for us was Christ’s offering and sacrifice to God.
- He also stresses that it was a sweet-smelling aroma to God.

C. Avoid Sin (Ephesians 5:3-7)

1. Don’t Engage In Sin (Ephesians 5:3-4)

- Paul is point out certain sins that should not be named among believers.
- He stresses that engaging in these sins is not fitting for the saints of God.
- These sins cover outward actions, inward attitudes and speech.
- Believers should engage in thanksgiving rather than sins of one’s speech.

2. The Spiritual Reality (Ephesians 5:5)

- Paul states that those who are marked by these sins will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

3. The Warning (Ephesians 5:6)

- Paul warns his readers not to allow themselves to be deceived with empty words.
- These words are empty because God’s wrath is coming to the disobedient.

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4. The Command Repeated (Ephesians 5:7)

- Once again, Paul calls his readers to not engage in these sins with the disobedient.

II. Walk As Children Of Light (Ephesians 5:8-14)

A. Our Prior Condition Contrasted (Ephesians 5:8)

- Paul points out that believers were once in darkness.
- Paul stresses that believers are now light in the Lord.

B. The Directive (Ephesians 5:8)

- Paul tells believers that they are to walk and live as children of the light.

C. The Evidence (Ephesians 5:9)

- He points out that the Fruit of Spirit is the evidence of living as children of the light.

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

D. Living As Light (Ephesians 5:10-14)

- Believers must find out what is acceptable to the Lord concerning our lives in this world.
- We are to have no fellowship or part with the unfruitful works of living in darkness.
- Rather, as children of the light, our lives are supposed to expose the actions of darkness.
- Paul points out that it is shameful to even talk out loud about these actions done in darkness.
- It is the Light that exposes the deeds of the darkness.
- Paul quotes a song based on Isaiah 26:19 as he calls believers to wake up.
- They are to wake up to the darkness that they came from and receive that light of Christ.