

WALK AS CHILDREN OF GOD  
Ephesians 5

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children...*

Ephesians 5:1

❖ Walk in LOVE:

*Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (vs. 2)*

1. Love by our ACTIONS toward others.

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. (vs. 3)*

2. Love by our ACTIVITY with others.

*Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. (vs. 4)*

3. Love by our GENEROSITY for others.

*For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (vs. 5)*

❖ Walk in the LIGHT:

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light... (vs. 8)*

1. Walking in the light PRODUCES FRUIT in us.

*... (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. (vs. 9-10)*

2. Walking in the light PROTECTS us from our STUMBLING.

*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible... (vs. 11-13)*

3. Walking in the light PROVIDES us the OPPORTUNITY to see and do God's will.

*Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is... be filled with the Spirit. (vs. 15-18b)*

❖ Walk under His LORDSHIP:

*Submit to one another... (vs. 21a)*

1. Wives... submit to your husbands out of RESPECT.

*Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church*

*submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything... the wife must respect her husband... (vs. 22-24;33b)*

2. Husbands... submit to your wives by your LOVE.

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (vs. 25;28)*

3. Children... submit to your parents due to HONOR.

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment with a promise-- "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

Ephesians 6:1-3

❖ Closing Challenge: How are you WALKING? Do others see your walk as God's Child?

*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.*

1 John 2:6