

THEREFORE

Walk in Love

a study on Ephesians



¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:1-8

⁵ 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.

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them;

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Ephesians 5: 1-8

IMITATORS OF CHRIST v.1-8

Imitation – mimētai “Mimic”

- **Child imitates their parents**
 - **Not His- Omi... but His “Walk”**
- **Walk (Life) Sacrificial & Others-Centered**

JESUS DID NOT WALK -

- **Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Covetousness**
 - **Crude, Empty, Foolish Speech**
 - **Following False Teachers**
- (Empty, Hollow, “Self-Help,” Legalism)**

⁸...Walk as children of light

⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but instead expose them.

¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

Ephesians 5:8-16

**14 for anything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it says,**

***“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and
Christ will shine on you.” (Isaiah 60:1-2)***

**15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as
unwise but as wise,**

**16 making the best use of the time, because
the days are evil.**

Ephesians 5:8-16

WALKING IN CHRIST v.8-14

Walk in “**Love**” – Walk in “**Light**” – Walk in “**Wisdom**”

John 8:12 - Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

1 John 1:5-7 - This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the Truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

WALKING IN CHRIST v.8-14

John 3:20-21 - *'All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.'*

Luke 17:3-5 – *"Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."* The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

17 Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:17-21

SUBMIT TO CHRIST v.17-21

When we are, together, walking in Christ
– Submitting to one another is truly
submitting to the Light.

**John 14:12-14 “Truly, truly, I tell you,
whoever believes in Me will also do the
works that I am doing. He will do even
greater things than these, because I am
going to the Father. And I will do whatever
you ask in My name, so that the Father may
be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me for
anything in My name, I will do it.”**

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HOW TO SUBMIT TO CHRIST

Submission is NOT blind ignorance...

Submission is Confidently following!

It is an understanding that God has a design. There is respect, honor, care, and love!

It is NOT about “power” or “control” but LOVE and UNITY!

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