

**IMITATE GOD, NOT THE UNSAVED!**  
**(Ephesians 5:1-6)**

“Be imitators” (ginomai) (minetes) =

- What should this mean to us then since we’ve been saved?
- What will *stifle* this holy walk?
- Paul is telling us to put away these \_\_\_\_\_ & exchange them for the \_\_\_\_\_ found in vs 32

**I. Our Wealth In Christ (chp 1-3)**

**II. Our Walk In Christ! (4:1-6:9)**

**A. We Are to Walk Worthy of Our Calling (4:1-ff) ... Specifically ...**

1. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ by guarding the unity of the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1-3)
2. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ by using our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to one another in the Body of Christ (4:7-16)
3. We are to Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ practically, by understanding \_\_\_\_\_ truth concerning... “*putting off the \_\_\_\_\_ & putting on the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ*” (4:17-32)
4. We are to Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-6)

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ : “*Be therefore \_\_\_\_\_ of God as dear children*” (5:1)

(stated a few different ways in other passages):

Matthew 5:48

1 Corinthians 11:1

2 Corinthians 3:18

1 Peter 1:15-16

- This plea to imitate God and to “be holy” as He is Holy, is the \_\_\_\_\_ process all believers are in!

- What is so often missing in the Christian's life that makes this so *perplexing*?
- How did God solve this power problem in life?

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ for this plea ... is to *walk in* \_\_\_\_\_! (5:2a)

- How does one walk in love? (5:2b)
  - ... "*as Christ also has \_\_\_\_\_ (agapao) us, and \_\_\_\_\_ Himself* (both are— aorist, active, indicatives - freely into the hands of another) \_\_\_\_\_ *us* (on our behalf as our substitute & loving Savior)"
  - In love, He gave Himself for us as ... an \_\_\_\_\_ (as an expiatory sin offering)... & as a \_\_\_\_\_ (as the victim of that sacrifice) to God!
  - Because of who He is & what He accomplished ... this sacrifice was a \_\_\_\_\_ to God the Father! – only the sacrifice of Christ could \_\_\_\_\_ the Father's justice on the sinner's behalf!
- This kind of love can only be produced in the believer's life when they are filled or controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_!

Some applications here:

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love (5:3-5)

- Here Paul sets forth a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love with what the world of the unsaved naturally \_\_\_\_\_!

4) The \_\_\_\_\_ (5:6)

a) "*Let no one \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ words*" (5:6a)

- What is meant by the term "*empty words*"?

b) "*Because of these things (a life style of \_\_\_\_\_ behavior – vs 3-5) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is coming on the sons of disobedience (the \_\_\_\_\_)*"

More application here: