

Ephesians Study Eph. 5:1-15 Be Imitators of God

1. Ephesians 5:1-2

v. 1 “Be **imitators**/ followers of God as dear children.”

“**imitators**” – Gk ‘mimetes’ = mimic, follow, imitator

v. 2 “and **live a life of love**, just as Christ **loved** us.

“**Live a life**” – walk, make one’s way, progress; regulate one’s life, conduct one’s self, pass one’s life.

“**love**” – ‘agape’ = affection, goodwill, love, benevolence, brotherly love.

“As Christ **loved** us” – to welcome, to entertain, to be found of, to love dearly

“and **gave** himself up for us as a **fragrant offering** and **sacrifice** to God.”

“**gave**” = to give into the hands of another, to give over into one’s power of use, to deliver up to custody, to be judged, condemned, punished, scourged, tormented, put to death. To deliver up treacherously or by betrayal. See Matt. 17:22

“**Fragrant**” – sweet smelling, incense, a sweet odour, Metaph. A thing well pleasing to God.

“**Offering**” – act of offering, a gift, a present, a gift, offering for sin; sacrifice, expiatory offering

“**Sacrifice**” = victim Rom. 12:1

2. Eph. 5:3-8

v. 3 “But among you there must not be even a hint of/let it not be once named among you any kind of impurity, or of greed because these are improper for God’s holy people/ as becomes saints”

“**named**” = named, uttered, mentioned

“**Proper**” – ‘Prepo’ = to be becoming, seemly, fit.

“**saints**” – set apart for God, God’s redeemed. eg. the believers.

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

“out of place” – not convenient, not fitting, not appropriate

v. 5 “No immoral, impure or greedy person – such a man is **an idolater**- has any **inheritance** in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

“**Idolater**” – worshipper of false gods, anyone (even Christian) who participates in worship of the heathen, a covetous, greedy man is a worshipper of Mammon. See Mt. 6:24

“**inheritance**” – an inheritance, property received by inheritance; what is given to one as possession; eternal blessedness of the Kingdom of God.

v. 6 “Let no one **deceive** you with **empty** words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are **disobedient**.”

“**deceive**”- cheat, beguile, deceive

“**empty**” – empty, vain, devoid of truth, fruitless

“**disobedient**” – obstinacy, obstinate opposition to the will of God Col. 3:6, Eph. 2:2

v. 7 “Therefore do not be partners with them.”

“**partners**” – partakers, joint partaker

3. Eph. 5 7-10

v. 8 For you were **once darkness** but **now** you are **light** in the Lord. Live as children of light.

“Once” – aforesaid, formerly, at some time

“Darkness” – darkness, ignorance, respecting divine things. Mt. 4:16, Lk. 11:35

“Now” – at this present time, the present, now

“Light” – light, heavenly light, metaph. God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality, of truth.

V 9. (for the fruit of the **light/Spirit** consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

“Light/spirit” – ‘pneuma’ the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

“Goodness” – uprightness of heart and life, goodness, kindness

“Righteousness” – the condition acceptable to God, integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness. Eg. Right standing with God.

v. 10 “and **find out** what pleases the Lord.”

“Find out” – prove, test, examine, scrutinize, recognise as genuine. Rom 12:1, 2