

EPHESIANS 5:1-8

LESSON 30

Walk in Love

1. Ephesians 5:1 – Be Followers of God

- a. 3 walks in chapter 5 – walk in love; walk as children of light; walk circumspectly
- b. *“followers of God”* (not mere imitators) – tied to Eph 4:32 for Christ’s sake
 - i. Jesus said, *“follow me”* Mt 4:19, and they dropped their nets. We don’t do that.
 - ii. Paul says to follow him 3x - 1 Cor 4:16, 1 Cor 11:1, Phil 3:17
 - iii. We follow God as in - accompany, obey, succeed, set our affections, to delight in
- c. *“as dear children”* – (Not children in understanding or childlike faith – Mt 18:3)
 - i. We are children of God b/c of Christ – Eph 1:5, Rom 8:14-17
 - ii. Dear children love their fathers, not as slaves/servants – 2Co 5:14-15, Gal 4

2. Ephesians 5:2 – Walk in Love

- a. Love is a greater motivator than guilt, greed, anger, revenge, or wrath
- b. *“sweetsmelling savour”* – a reference to the sacrifices: burnt, peace, meal – Lev 1:3,9
- c. In Christ, Christ is the sacrifice, but we are his members - 2 Cor 2:14-17, Ecc 10:1
- d. No man lives unto himself – Rom 14:7-8, 1 Cor 6:19-20

3. Ephesians 5:3-5 – Not Once Be Named

- a. v3 are works; v4 are from the heart; v5 are types of people – actions, thoughts, identity
- b. Fornication, filthiness, whoremonger – tearing apart, obscenity, dirty, prostitute, porn
- c. Uncleaness, foolish talking, unclean person – impure, not grave/serious, corrupt – Ga 5
- d. Covetousness, jesting, covetous man – taking what is not yours, twisting accounts
- e. 3 admonitions – not becoming saints, not convenient, worthy of wrath

4. Ephesians 5:6-8 – Be Not Partakers With Them

- a. One of three similar troubling passages – 1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:21, and Eph 5:5-6
- b. This cannot be your salvation lest there be no one in the kingdom – Col 1:13
- c. They are not tests of salvation, proofs of salvation, or evidences of salvation
- d. Our inheritance is described in Eph 1:3, 1:18, 3:6 and not lessened here
- e. This deals with our responsible behavior as a result of our position.
- f. *“vain words”* – such as grace allows sin, God hates sin, but loves the sinner
 - i. The wrath of God – Rom 1:18, John 3:36
 - ii. The children of disobedience are mentioned in Eph 2:2
- g. *“partakers with them”* – Not you, your identity is different, you should behave such
- h. *“children of light”* – you are no longer darkness, you are now someone else