

Eph. 5: 1-20
"Family Resemblance"

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1. Introduction
 - a. "Be followers of God as dear children"
 - b. Follower = Jesus primary influencer in Christian's life
 - mimic of heavenly Father
 - bad contrast Lucifer, "I will be like the Most High"
 - c. Resemble God in 3 ways

2. Walk in Love
 - a. Rich Bible metaphor
 - how Christian lives their life
 - b. Love of the Father
 - as dear children
 - in book 1 John, word "children" used
 - Eph 2:4 rich in mercy, God's great love
 - c. Background - Love of the Son (Jesus)
 - Eph 4:32 even as God for Christ's sake forgave Christians
 - Eph 5:2 Jesus gave Himself an offering & a sacrifice to God
 - * sweet smelling aroma
 - Heb 10:14 by one offering forever Jesus perfected those who are sanctified
 - Jesus the sacrifice that satisfied God
 - d. Counterfeit love -
 - love of the world
 - Eph 5:3-7 human evils
 - certain "loves" not compatible with Christian life
 - Eph 5:7 Christian not to participate in sinful habits with sinners
 - ~~Mt~~ Mt 12:34 out of abundance of the heart the mouth speak

3. Walk in Light
 - a. walk as children of light
 - Eph 5:8 light in the Lord
 - walk in truth, truth seekers
 - walk in holiness

- 3b. Expose the darkness
- Eph 5:11 unfruitful works of darkness
 - expose / reprove them
 - shameful to speak of things done in secret
 - * Eph 5:12
 - light exposes / reveals all things
 - * Eph 5:13

4. Walk in Wisdom

a. Walk wisely (not as fools)

- Eph 5:15

- wisdom = application of knowledge

b. Use time carefully & wisely

- "redeeming the time"

- reason? the days are evil

- Eph 5:16

c. Wisdom in the will of God

- understand the will of God

- do not be unwise - drunk with wine

* dissipation / living in excess

- will of God is be filled with Holy Spirit

- Eph 5:17-20