

BE IMITATORS OF GOD

Ephesians 5:1-33

Key Verse: 5:1

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children...."

1. What is Paul's first admonition in this chapter? Why should we imitate God? (Think about our relationship with him.) What is the relationship between imitating and learning? How can we imitate God?
2. Read verses 1-2. What does it mean to "live a life of love"? How did Christ set the example? How can we learn and practice his love?
3. What are some things that are improper for God's holy people? Why are these things inconsistent with a life of love? (2-7) What kind of words are appropriate for a child of God? (4) What warning did he give?
4. What does "once you were darkness" and "now you are light in the Lord" mean? How can we live like children of light? (8-14)
5. Read verses 15-21. Why does Paul warn God's children to be wise and not foolish? How can we be? What should a joyful Christian fellowship be like? (19) Why is giving thanks so important? (4,20)
6. Read verses 21-33. What does he mean by "submit to one another"? How can we? How can women establish and keep spiritual order? Why should they? (22-24)
7. Why is it essential that a woman respect her husband? (33) How can she do so when she sees all his faults and weaknesses so clearly?
8. How does Paul admonish husbands? What is the standard for love? How did Christ demonstrate his love for his church? What can we learn from him about how to love?