

# Walk in love

Ephesians 5:1-7

## Introduction:

Last week I mentioned that our walk had to change. Well this week the Lord has lead me to go a little deeper and share just how our walk has to change. We need to walk in love, so join with me in Ephesians 5:1-7 and see why we should walk in love. I believe you will be surprised.

## Scripture:

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

## Key Points:

1. We are Gods child
2. We are saints
3. We are kings

## Outline:

1. We are Gods Child
  - a. We are his beloved children.
    - i. Be imitators of God
      - (1) (John 17:23)I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
    - ii. We walk in love because of the price HE paid n the cross.
    - iii. Love is the fundamental factor in the Christian life.
      - (1) (1 John 4:7-8) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
      - (2) (John 13:34-35 )A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
      - (3) (1 Corinthians 16:14)Let all that you do be done with love.
2. We are saints
  - a. We have been called out set aside.
    - i. (1 peter 2:9)But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him

- who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- b. If we are saints then we need to talk like saints
    - i. Our talk needs to be uplifting to others
      - (1) We shouldn't be telling the dirty jokes or even hang around to hear them.
      - (2) We shouldn't be the ones using foul language.
        - (a) That being said some of us struggle with that and need to turn it over to God and let HIM do away with it.
      - (3) The word of God tells us that out of the heart the mouth speaks.
        - (a) (Col. 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
        - (b) (Col. 4:6) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
3. We are Kings
- a. Trusting in God we enter into the kingdom of God
    - i. (John 3:3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
  - b. There will be many who claim the kingdom but they will not enter in.
    - i. (Matthew 7: 21-23) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"
  - c. A Christian is not sinless but he will sin less and less

Conclusion:

How is your walk? Are you walking in love? Or are you walking in darkness? There is no middle ground here. Are you sinning less and less? Are you ready to be a king, a saint? What are you waiting for today is the day of salvation. There is no reason to just go through the motions. Do you want Christ Jesus to say to you depart from me I never knew you?