

## **Ephesians 5:1-21**

### **Imitators of God**

When we want to know what to do or how to live, where do we look? We *can* look to culture to define that for us, and they'd be happy to do so. We *can* look to other people. But the better way is for us to let Christ define holy living for us. Let's look to the Book for direction on how to live holy lives set apart for God's purpose and glory.

**1. Walk in thanksgiving. (3-6)**

**2. Walk in light. (7-14)**

**3. Walk in wisdom. (v. 15-17)**

**4. Walk in The Spirit. (v. 18-21)**

In looking to Christ and looking at Christ, we clearly see a picture of a holy life. We see a life that any follower of Jesus should imitate. Jesus changes the way we live.

Jesus' perfect, sinless, holy life enables us to live holy lives – not to earn our salvation in any way, but because we have been changed by Christ. This compels us to want to live lives that please and honor him. It compels us to want to live lives that submit to others. It compels us to want to live lives characterized by walking in thanksgiving, light, wisdom, all guided by the Holy Spirit.

So, think about your life tonight. What are you imitating most? Is it God? What are characteristics that define you best? Can you grow in some of these areas? If that's you, good. You're in good company. Each of us has room to grow in our walk with the Lord. The gospel always demands a response from every one of us.

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