

**Walking as God's Children**  
**Ephesians 5:1-8**

Darkness is the realm from which we are delivered  
We now dwell in His light and ought to live that way  
1John 1:6-2:2

**I. Be Followers of God – 5:1**

1. Children imitate their parents - 1  
Word “followers” is the word “mimic”  
Little children mimic their parents - imitate them  
As God's children we ought to imitate Him  
That is what it is to be “godly” - to be god-like
2. What are basic attributes of God  
John focused on two in his First Epistle  
God is Light (Holy) – 1 John 1:5  
God is Love – 1 John 4:7-10  
Holy Spirit leads Paul to same two attributes

**II. Walking in Love - 5:1-4**

1. Character of God focuses on love - 2  
God's love is seen in His Son Jesus Christ  
His love is self-sacrificing love, reaches out to us  
Our love ought to focus on others - reach out to them  
His love is pleasing to the Father - fragrant offering  
Our love ought to be offered up to please our Father
2. Counterfeit love focuses on self-gratification - 3  
World's love often is lust - gratifying one's desires  
It is self-seeking and self-serving  
“Fornication” word from which we get pornography  
General term including all kinds of sexual immorality  
Sexual activity is designed for marriage Heb. 13:5  
“Uncleanness” speaks of all forms of impurity  
“Covetousness” Desire to have what is not ours  
This does not look good in the life of God's child
4. Conversation ought to be as pure as conduct - 4  
Our speech should not contain obscene things  
Impure jokes or suggestive themes do not fit  
Our speech ought to reflect God's love  
It's highest purpose is giving thanks - praise to Him.

**III. Walking in Light - 5:5-8**

1. God is light - no impurity in Him - 1 Jn. 1:5-7  
Not even a shadow of darkness  
God is absolutely holy
2. Impurity has no place in Kingdom of God - 5  
Darkness cannot dwell in His light  
Revelation 21:27; 22:15  
Darkness has no place in His Kingdom  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11
3. The wrath of God is directed on all impurity - 6  
All impurity to be cast out of God's sight - Rev. 21:8
4. Challenge; separate from all impurity - 7  
Darkness of impurity, not fitting for those in light
5. As His children we should walk in His light - 8