

Be Imitators of God

Ephesians 5:1-14

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Point – God's children are to imitate Him by living according to the exemplified love of Jesus Christ.

Disclaimer:

- (1) Don't allow this model of love to become empowered by guilt.
- (2) Don't allow this model of love to be divorced from wisdom.



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LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU WITH EMPTY WORDS!

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- No inheritance in God's Kingdom
- These will receive the wrath of God

Point: Don't even talk about the sins of darkness!

Point: Don't be deceived by darkness that its actions are no big deal!

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- 5:7-14 Therefore
- v. 7 Do not be partakers with them
- v. 11 And <u>have no fellowship</u> with the unfruitful works of darkness Point: Don't partake with darkness.

So what do we do with darkness? What is our positive response?

- v. 8 Walk as children of light
- v. 11 **Expose sin**
- v. 13 The encouraging results of exposing sin
- Light reveals the sin of darkness and leads it to becoming light.
- v. 14 Therefore...repentance is called for.



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Point – God's children are to walk as lights, not partaking in sin but rather exposing sin and influencing/leading it to Christ.



Ephesians 5:1-14 Conclusion:

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- Live His love!
- Shine His light!

