



## We Need To Be Just Like Our Father

### Ephesians 5:1-14

The word followers in *Ephesians 5:1* is the word *mimics*, so that the verse can be translated: “Be ye imitators of God as beloved children.” This sets the theme for the section. Paul is simply arguing that children are like their parents, a fact that can be both encouraging and embarrassing to those of us who have children. Have you ever seen a child sitting in the front seat of an automobile, trying to drive like his father! Or walking behind him, pretending to mow the lawn? Or, sad to say, imitating Dad doing something he should not do? Children probably learn more by watching and imitating than any other way.

If we are the children of God, then we ought to strive to be just like him. This is the basis for the three admonitions in this section. God is love (*1 John 4:8*); therefore, “walk in love” (*Eph. 5:1–2*). God is light (*1 John 1:5*); therefore, walk as children of light (*Eph. 5:3–14*). God is truth (*1 John 5:6*); therefore, walk in wisdom (*Eph. 5:15–17*). Of course, each of these “walks” is a part of Paul’s exhortation to “walk in purity.”

#### A. Walk In \_\_\_\_\_ 5:1-2

Paul gave several reasons why the Christian ought to “walk in love”:

1. He is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ 5:1
2. He is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ child 5:1
3. He was purchased with a \_\_\_\_\_ price. 5:2

#### B. Walk as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 5:3-14

Since “God is light” and we are imitating our Father, then we should walk in the light and have nothing to do with the darkness of sin. Paul gives three descriptions of believers that prove his point.

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ people 5:3
2. We are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God 5:5-6
3. We are children of \_\_\_\_\_ 5:7-14

C. Walk In \_\_\_\_\_ 5:15-17

Paul presented several reasons why wisdom is used when we are accurate and careful in our walk:

1. It shows consideration and \_\_\_\_\_ 5:15
2. Life is \_\_\_\_\_ 5:16a
3. The days are \_\_\_\_\_ 5:16b
4. God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ so we do not have to be foolish 5:17a
5. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives 5:17b