

Living as God's Treasured Possession Part V  
Ephesians 5:1-21

Therefore be Imitators of God - 5:1-6

Therefore Do Not Become Partakers With Them - 5:7-16

Therefore Do Not Be Foolish - 5:17-21

*Therefor Be Imitators of God*

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children.

Imitators (mimētēs): one who imitates someone else

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Beloved (agapētos): object of one's affection; only

God's interest in and concern for His children is infinitely greater than the greatest and the noblest natural parent's interest in his or her child. God is lovingly concerned about us. He watches us just as the natural parent watches his little child beginning to walk for the first time, or as the child goes out to school for the first time. He stands at the gate and watches him as he goes round the corner and out of sight; that is an expression of loving interest.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn. 1982. [Darkness and Light: An Exposition of Ephesians 4:17-5:17](#). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

Ephesians 4:22-24 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 5:2 And **walk in love**, as **Christ loved us** and **gave himself up for us**, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Walk (peripoteō): manner of living; way of life

Matthew 20:28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The greatest expression of love is not that it gives things or even that it gives up things, but that it gives itself.

Boice, James Montgomery. 1988. [Ephesians: An Expositional Commentary](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Ministry Resources Library.

1 John 4:9–10 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Romans 12:8 ...the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

James 4:13–17 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, “**If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.**” <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Sacrificial love for others is a sacrifice pleasing to God.

Hamilton, Ian. 2017. [Ephesians](#). Edited by Joel R. Beeke and Jon D. Payne. The Lectio Continua Expository Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books.

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Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 20:25–28 But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Ephesians 1:3–9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 2:4–5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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