

"This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord . . ."
(Westminster Confession of Faith 21.8a)

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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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IMITATING GOD

Ephesians 5:1-4

I. Doctrine: Because the Church is _____ -Related to God, we *Imitate Him*

- A. –Our Emulation of Christ will *NOT* be _____ (in this life) . . . , (1 Jn. 1:10)
- B. . . . But it will nonetheless be _____ (as we Share in His Attributes), (2 Pet. 1:4)

II. *How the Church's Imitation of God* _____, vv. 1-4

- A. –Since we possess Christ's _____ "DNA" . . . ,
v. 1
- B. . . . We _____ as *He* Does (in sacrificial love) . . . , v. 2
- C. . . . And we _____ our Lives (by grace) to *His* Values, vv. 3-4

III. *How to Imitate God in a* _____ **World**

- A. Live in the _____ Principle (of Christ's *FULL* Satisfaction *for* and *of* His Church), (2 Cor. 5:21)
- B. _____ what Christ *Cherishes*; and *Despise* what He Abhors, (Heb. 1:9)

Key Verse—v. 1: "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children."

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To more closely *Imitate God* in everything