

## Walk in Love, Walk as Light

Ephesians 5:1-21

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### Big Idea

Imitate God! **5:1**

How?

Walk in love: **5:1-6**

Walk as light: **5:7-21**

### Walk in Love: vs. 1-6

The model is Jesus: **v. 2**

The sacrifice (for others) is **to** God

This kind of life creates a fragrance (a synonym with light)

Embodied selfishness has no place in the kingdom of Christ

### Walk as Light: vs. 7-14

Not “in light” but as light: “you are light”

Jesus’ words: you are the light of the world (**Matt 5:14-16**)

Pleasing the Lord above all else: **v. 10**

Do not participate in dark acts: **v. 11**

Expose darkness (the shameful things done in the dark: **vs. 11-14**)

Exposing as confronting, rebuking: see e.g. **John 4:17**

Exposing as telling others: see e.g. **Matthew 18:17**

Exposing as being a counter-example: see e.g. **Luke 5:8**

### A Map for Living the Luminescent Life: vs. 15-21

Walk wisely (hear Jesus and follow suit): **v. 15**; see **Matthew 7:24-27**

Leverage the moment: **v. 16**; see **Matthew 6:34**

Discern God’s will: **v. 17**; see **Romans 12:1,2**; **John 7:17**

Be filled with the Spirit: **v. 18**

The analogy with drunkenness: yielding control to an outside influence

Praise: **v. 19**

Constant thanksgiving: **v. 20**

Humble posture of mutual submission: **v. 21**

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