

## **Ephesians 5**

### **English Standard Version**

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

What does it mean to imitate God? What are beloved children?

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

How do we walk in love? What does it mean to be a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God?

**3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.**

What is sexual immorality, all impurity and covetousness? Where else in scripture do we see these aforementioned sins referenced?

**4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.**

What is filthiness and foolish talk and crude joking? What is thanksgiving?

**5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

What does it mean to be sexually immoral or impure? What does it mean to be covetous? What does it mean to have no inheritance in the kingdom?

**6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.**

What does it mean to be deceived by empty words? What is the wrath of God and who are the sons of disobedience?

**7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.**

Who are the saints called to not become partners with? What does it mean to be darkness versus being in light? What does it mean to walk as children in light and how do they discern what is pleasing to God?

**11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.**

What are unfruitful works of darkness? What does it mean to expose them? What does it mean to be shameful and who is "they?"

**13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,**

How does something become exposed by light?

**14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,**

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

**15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.**

What does it mean to look carefully and how are the saints called to walk? What does it mean to make the best use of time and what does it mean that "the days are evil?"

**17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

What does it mean to be foolish and how do we know what the will of God is?

**18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,**

What are the saints called not to do? What is debauchery? What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

**19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,**

How are the saints called to address one another? What does it mean to make melody to the Lord with your heart?

**20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

What does it mean to give thanks? What does it mean to submit to one another and why do we do it?

### **Wives and Husbands**

**22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

Who are wives called to submit to?

**23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.**

What parallel is given as a model for marital hierarchy and how is the husband's headship described?

**24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.**

How is the wife called to submit to her husband and under what circumstances?

**25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,**

How are husbands called to love their wives? How has Christ loved the church?

**26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,**

What does it mean to sanctify? What does it mean to cleanse by the washing of water with the word?

**27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**

What does it mean to present in splendor, without spot or wrinkle? What does it mean to be holy and without blemish?

**28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.**

How are husbands called to love their wives? What is a husband's love for his wife equated with?

**29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body.**

What is meant by hating one's flesh versus nourishing and cherishing it? What does Christ do for the church and why?

**31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."**

What is man commanded to do? What does it mean that two become one flesh?

**32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.**

What is profound? What are husbands required to do and what are wives required to do?