FIND STRENGTH IN WALKING

(Ephesians 5:1-21)

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"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."

(Ephesians 5:1, 2, NKJV)

Personal Notes:

Sermon Outline:

I Walk in love

- A Paul encourages them to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1).
- B Paul motivates them to walk in love by reminding them of the greatest sacrifice (Ephesians 5:2).
- C To become an imitator of God, the Ephesians must put away the things of the flesh (Ephesians 5:3-6).
  - 1 Ephesus was the home of the temple to the Greek god, Diana (See Acts 19:23-31).
  - 2 The wrath of God would come upon the sons of disobedience (Ephesians 5:6).

II Walk as children of light

- A Paul discourages the Christians from being partakers, joining in with them (Ephesians 5:7).
- B Since their lives have been changed (Ephesians 2:1-6), they are to walk as children of light.
- C The Christians were to expose the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11).
  - 1 The works of darkness are to shameful to even mention (Ephesians 5:12).
- D The light, Christian's life, will make manifest the darkness contained within the unfruitful (Ephesians 5:13, 14).

III Walk circumspectly

- A To walk circumspectly means to walk carefully.
  - 1 Paul wants them to avoid the error he previously mentioned.
- B Paul wants them to walk carefully in wisdom making the most of their time (Ephesians 5:15, 16).
  - 1 Wisdom is the principle thing (Proverbs 4:7).
  - 2 Wisdom is more valuable than gold (Proverbs 16:16).
- C Their walk of wisdom will bring them into a entirely different life.
  - 1 Not drunk, but filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another through song; giving thanks to God always through Christ; submitting to one another (Ephesians 5:18-21).