

## Bible Study – Ephesians 5:1-7

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### Ephesians 5:1-2 –

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> 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.

Q - What is the “therefore,” there for?

- Chapter breaks and verse identification was not originally present. With that in mind, let’s look back at the last thing Paul said in chapter 4:

**God, for Christ’s sake, has forgiven us.**

As Christians, *having accepted the price* that was paid at the cross for our sins..

Our sins were taken away, and **we were brought into the family** of God.

It is for this reason, **v. 1 says** that we are now children of the Heavenly Father.

**Romans 8:16-17** – “the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs *of God* and joint heirs with Christ...”

**Walk in LOVE... for God is love.** Ref: **John 3:16**

In **1 John 4:8-11** we find a perfect complement to Paul’s words here:

<sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

The word “**mimic**” comes directly from the Greek word for followers –

The concept is that there is more to “following” than simply traipsing along behind:

**RATHER:** we are to mimic or imitate the One we follow after.

**Ref.:** Hebrews 1:3 & John 15:13

**What does Paul describe as being a pleasant aroma before God, and how can we apply this to our lives?**

**Ephesians 5:3-5** - Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. <sup>4</sup> Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. <sup>5</sup> You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

**Ref: Matthew 5:14** – “You are the light of the world.”

Additionally, if we are the **light of the world**, it is ONLY because **Jesus is the light...**  
AND, **He** – *through the person of the Holy Spirit* – **is the true light**, inhabiting us...  
**THEREFORE**, people should be seeing \_\_\_\_\_ **through us...**

people should be seeing \_\_\_\_\_ **in us...**

people should be seeing \_\_\_\_\_ **in us.**

So, in **Ephesians 5:5-7** we find that such people **will not** inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For *a greedy person* is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

<sup>6</sup> Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey Him.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them.