

Thanks
Giving
Eph 5:3-10

Walk as
Children of Light 5:8

Loving the Work of the King
Working the Love with the King
Equipping Kingdom Citizens

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Two Questions:
Do you look like love?
Are you a display of forgiveness?



**“A disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ
is a Spirit empowered imitator
of God’s Son,
who actively and passively
serves as an object
of imitation for others,
to the glory of the Father.”**

Dr. Witte

Sin *Surrender*

For God's Glory



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Desired
Progress

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Ephesians 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them; **8** for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; **walk as children of Light 9** (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **10** trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; **2** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

- Reflect the life and love of God. (Mimic)
- Love is a lifestyle and way of life.
- Love God. [Love God's Love.] Love People.

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- Sexual sins, greed & filthy talk are to be “put off” because they are selfish & totally contrary to what it means to be Christian.
- Idolatry is exalting something or someone above God.
- To play with sin is a misunderstanding of the grace of God.

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The sexual union is designed by God to be a blessing within marriage. (The Divine Design for Marriage—IBCD)

1. The sexual union is the sign of the covenant commitment of marriage.
2. Any sexual expression outside of marriage is a sinful and destructive misuse of God's gift—adultery, fornication, cohabitation, homosexuality, lust, etc.
3. Sexual sin is a heart problem.
4. God judges sexual sin.

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- Thanksgiving is to be “put on” because of the forgiveness of sin that we have experienced and the freedom from sin that is available to us as we behold His power and glory.

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- Kingdom citizens can be separated from the ways of the world. ...buried with Christ in baptism & raised to walk in newness...
- Kingdom citizens find their identity, security and purpose in the Light of the world who has overcome evil and darkness.
- Kingdom citizens begin to take on the character of The King.
- Kingdom citizens are learners and apply-ers of God's Word.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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Practical Application:

See silliness for what it really is.

See The King for who He really is
by seeing the gospel, the truth and grace
for what it really is.