

## Walk in Love

(Ephesians 5:1-7)

- Introduction:
1. We live in a time when people do not understand the word “Love.”
  2. If one were to speak against things such as homosexuality, living together without marriage, all types of sexual expression outside of marriage, they would be accused of being “unloving.”
  3. But God’s word speaks of love differently.
  4. In Ephesians, Paul instructs us how to walk, and among other things, he tells us how to walk in love in (Ephesians 5:1-7).
    - a. Walk in Unity (4:1-16).
    - b. Walk in Purity (4:17-32).
    - c. Walk in Love (5:1-7).
    - d. Walk in Light (5:8-14).
    - e. Walk in Wisdom (5:15-21).
    - f. Walk in Harmony (5:22-33).
  5. What does it look like to walk in love?

### I. Walking in Love Demands Sacrifice

- A. (Ephesians 5:1-2).
- B. We are to both imitate God, who gave (Ephesians 5:1; John 3:16) and Jesus, who gave himself (Ephesians 5:2).
- C. Love is never expressed more than in self-sacrifice.
- D. Notice how these sacrifices are described (Ephesians 5:2).

### II. Walking in Love Demands We Hate

- A. (Ephesians 5:3-5).
- B. Some things should not even be so much as named among God’s people.
  1. Fornication.
  2. Uncleaness.
  3. Covetousness.
  4. Filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting.
- C. (Romans 12:9) Abhor that which is evil...

### III. Walking in Love Demands Thanksgiving

- A. (Ephesians 5:4).
- B. Christian living is not merely the avoidance of sin, but engagement in what is right.

**IV. Walking in Love Demands Separation**

- A. (Ephesians 5:6-7).
- B. Deception is at the root of thinking we can live immorally and be saved.
- C. God is more than a God of love, he is also a God of wrath (Ephesians 5:6; Hebrews 10:27).
- D. We cannot have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Brethren, let's not "play church."
  - 2. Let's be diligent to walk as the Lord wants us to walk.
  - 3. When we do, we will separate ourselves from the conduct of the world, and be a light to those in the world who are looking for truth.