

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Ephesians 5:1–21

Key Verse: 5:8

1. What does it mean to be “beloved children” (1b), and why do we need to see ourselves this way? How is this related to being “imitators of God” (1a)? What point does Paul seem to have in mind here (4:32)?
2. Note how Paul repeats the word “walk” (4:1,17; 5:2,8,15). Why is our Christian “walk” so important? What does the expression “walk in love” mean (2a)? How is Christ’s love for us described (2b), and why like this? How is walking in such love related to light (1Jn2:10)?
3. What does Paul forbid, and why (3)? What other behavior does he challenge us to change (4)? How does he warn us, and why (5–6)? What is Paul’s conclusion (7), and what does this mean?
4. Read verse 8. How does God’s light change us (8–9)? In our new walk, what comes first, and how can we do this (10)? How else should children of light walk (11–12), and why? How can anyone in darkness experience God’s light (13–14)?
5. In our new “walk,” what three contrasts does Paul make (15–18)? How can we be wise and understand the Lord’s will (18b)? What does it mean to “be filled with the Spirit” practically (19–21), and how is this related to walking as children of light?