

**Series: Revealing the Glory of the Church**

**Our Lifestyle, Part III**

**Eph. 5:1-21**

# God is Love and We are to Live a Life of Love

1-2, 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.

# God is Holy and We are to Live a Life of Purity

3-4, But **immorality** or any **impurity** or **greed** must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4, and there must be no **filthiness** and **silly talk**, or **coarse jesting**, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

James 3:10, Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

# God is Merciful and We are to Heed His Warnings

5-6, For this you know with certainty, that no **immoral** or **impure person** or **covetous man**, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6, Let no one deceive you with **empty words**, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Gal. 6:7, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

7, Therefore do not be partakers with them

8a, for you were formerly **darkness**, but now you are **Light** in the Lord



8b-10, 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.

11-12, Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even **expose them**; 12, for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

13, But all things become **visible** when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes **visible** is light.

Jn. 3:20-21, “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21, “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

# God is Wise and We are to Walk in Wisdom

15-16, Therefore be careful how you **walk**, not as unwise men but as **wise**, 16, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

17, So then do not be foolish, but understand what the **will of the Lord** is.

18, And do not get **drunk** with wine, for that is **dissipation**, but be filled with the Spirit.

19-21, **speaking** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20, always **giving thanks** for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21, and be **subject** to one another in the fear of Christ.