

## Beloved, Walk in Love

### Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

#### 1. We are beloved children (Ephesians 5:1)

“...in love he predestined *us for adoption* through Jesus Christ...” Ephesians 1:4-5

“*See what kind of love the Father has given to us*, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are.” – 1 John 3:1

“Beloved, *we are* God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” – 1 John 3:2-3

“...God’s love has been poured into our hearts *through the Holy Spirit* who has been given to us.” – Romans 5:5

“*The Spirit himself bears witness* with our spirit that we are children of God.” – Romans 8:16

“Those who have had the most abiding assurance of God’s love, are those who have been most in meditation on the written assurances of that love.” – J.W. Alexander

“How can I give you up, O Ephraim (insert your name!) ...my heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.” Hosea 11:8

#### 2. Walk in love (Ephesians 5:1-2)

##### A. Walk in love, as Christ loved us

“Let my name be forgotten, let my name die everywhere, let even my friends forget me, if by that means the cause of the blessed Jesus may be promoted.”<sup>1</sup>

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall *love* your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.” – Galatians 5:14-15

- “I took up that word “Love”, and I do not know how many weeks I spent studying the passages in which it occurs, *till at last I could not help loving people!* I had been feeding on Love so long that I was anxious to do everybody good I came in contact with. I got full of it. It ran out of my fingers. You take up the subject of love in the Bible! You will get so full of it that all you have got to do is to open your lips, and a flood of the Love of God flows out upon the meeting. There is no use trying to do church work without love. A doctor, a lawyer, may do good work without love, but God’s work cannot be done without love.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Arnold, Dallimore, George Whitefield, pg. 257-258

<sup>2</sup> Dwight L. Moody, quoted in Love or Die