

## Ephesians 5:1 - 5:7

**Review:** Grieving the Spirit by our words

Be forgiving rather than holding on to bitterness v32 and v31. Forgiving just as Christ forgave us! Thought is carried on in verse 1 of Chapter 5.

### Chapter 5 Verse: 1

**Be GK** “to become” Present Imperative (Command + on going action) (Active voice)

**Imitators of God** Our English word “mimic” comes from this GK word. What does it mean to “mimic”?

(annoying or honoring fashion)

As “points to the *manner* or *character* in which the *imitation* is to be made and the *reason*”

We are **dearly beloved children**

**English Def:** “darling, dear, dearest, precious, adored, much loved, cherished, treasured, prized, highly regarded, admired, esteemed, worshiped, revered, venerated, idolized” **Eph 1:5**

Your **deeply loved** by our Father! Turn to **Eph 3:18-19** prayer “know how wide, long, high, and deep” Surpasses knowledge... filled to the measure..

When we are cherished by someone, we desire to imitate that person! **Daddy’s girl!**

### Verse: 5:2

Imitate God by **Living a life of love** (26) **AMP (LIVE)** Esteeming and delighting in one another

How do we live a life of Love? What does that life look like?

**Just as Christ loved** (25) you **Love GK:** “direction of will based on sincere appreciation and high regard for person”. U R special to Jesus!!!

How did/does Christ show his love to us? When we were unlovely, he loved us.

How much do we love those who are unlovely? The annoying imitators!

- Easy to love those who love us!
- Easy to sacrifice for those who sacrifice for us.
- Loving and Sacrificing without expecting anything in return?

**Fragrant** aroma **offering** and **sacrifice**

1. How fragrant does the love we bestow to others smell to God?
2. Do my actions towards **family** look and feel like love?
3. Toward our **Friends? CoWorkers? Neighbors?**
4. What about my love for God himself? Leftovers from a fatiguing day or?

What does the **Apostle John** say about all of this LOVE stuff?

### Read I John 4:7 – 9

v7 **love GK:** agape in Present Subjunctive

**is born of God GK:** Perfect tense

v8 **does not love** “ongoing love”

Will every action be rooted in love?

Whoever’s life is not known for love does not **Know GK:** Aorist God.

His Spirit lives in us. **Gal 5:22** **What’s LOVE look like? I Cor 13:4-7**

**God is love GK:** God as to His nature is love.

### **Read I John 3:16-18**

Words vs Actions

**No Fear in Love** I John 4:18 and 3:20-21

Bema Seat of Christ.... Confidence... **Teacher Eval – Stress Not what Beam is about!**

### **Eph 4:29 Tie Ins:**

Agape walk leads to no bad talk about others but only encouraging words. So easy – **critical or judgmental!**

This love only comes from His Holy Spirit in our hearts working to touch others. We have to DAILY choose to allow Him to use us as channels of his love.

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### Verse: 5:3 BIBLE BUT

MINE: "Speaking of love (26) from v2, don't do this type of love in V3 (sexual)

Not even a **HINT** of: Actual **GK Word Order**: "*But fornication and uncleanness, every kind of it.*"  
Speck of dust... Lint on carpet...

### Sexual immorality (fornication)

"Graeco-Roman world had sunk so low that fornication had long come to be regarded as a matter of moral indifference, and was indulged in without shame"

- How familiar does this sound familiar today?
- I've heard some people say, "Well, we did not go the whole way!" Jesus' view? Playing with fire?
- Remember the actual GK word order? "Every kind of it"
- **Any kind of Impurity Romans 1:24**

**Greed** (Covetousness) – idolatry - anything that attracts more of our attention than we give to our Lord.

What are some examples of things we "covet" in our daily life?

Money: 1% crowd own more than the other 99%.

No matter how much our standard of living improves, we always want something better.

How sinful is having "things" in our lives?

Grass is always greener!

### Sexual sins & Greed.

They are so strong & powerful! They draw our attention away from God! Want MORE

Drug addict need ever increasing levels of whatever! Causes greed for that passion to take control.

We can become an **ADDICT** to **sin**!

Choosing to enjoy the pleasures of sin even for a short time, takes our minds off God. We short-circuit our day.

Mental toying with sin? **Matt 5:28**

All **IMPROPER** for God's **HOLY** people (do what is fitting *and* proper among saints)

### Verse 4

**Obscenity** (filthiness) **GK**: obscenity, shameless, immoral conduct

**foolish talk GK**: the lack of forethought and wisdom (stupid) Vincent - talk that's both "foolish and sinful".

**coarse joking GK**: Background

"The sense of the word here is *polished and witty speech as the instrument of sin*; refinement and versatility without the flavor of Christian grace. 'Sometimes it is lodged in a sly question, in a smart answer, in a quirkish reason, in shrewd intimation, in cunningly diverting or cleverly retorting an objection: sometimes it is couched in a bold scheme of speech, in a tart irony, in a lusty hyperbole, in a startling metaphor, in a plausible reconciling of contradictions, or in acute nonsense.'" (Wuest)

Rem the **serpent** with Eve in the **garden**?

### **rather thanksgiving!**

How easy is it to sin while thanking and praising God?

Amazing how singing songs of praise to our Lord helps us with the battle of the mouth!

What music do you listen to on the radio, iPod, etc? What music plays through your mind during the day?

Thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father. Devil can't stand it!!

**Eph 4:29** Review importance of only speaking words to brothers and sisters in Christ that benefit their need of the moment rather than our own needs.

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### Verse 5:5

**For this you can be sure** (know) **GK:** oida (οἶδα) speaks of absolute, beyond any doubt, a knowledge that is self-evident. **GK Grammar:** You have known and continue to know!

**Greed** (covetous) –

What does covet mean?

God class that -- Idolatry

**Anything that has a higher value to you than Jesus is an idol.**

Immoral, impure, or greed **no inheritance in kingdom of Christ!**

Does this mean if you do these sins, you are not able to get to heaven? Is your salvation lost?

I John 1:8-9, v10 “not sinned” Perfect Indicative Active

John 10:28-30 in His Hand.

**I John 3:7-10** no one born of God **continues** to sin verse 9 PIN Present Indicative Active Changed life

The contrast here is a continual state in specific sins. Not an occasional flirting with sin.

**born of God** Perfect Indicative Passive

Verse 8 “destroy the works of the devil” **Destroy GK:** Loosen dissolve.

Christ came to destroy the devil’s works. How can we carry on the devil’s works?

**Devil in all of this:**

When we sin, he wants to discourage us. Focus on the sin rather than Christ’s forgiveness!

I John 3 is not speaking about our periodic daily sin, but continuous ongoing sin.

### Verse 5:6

**Deceive GK:** cause someone to have misleading or erroneous views concerning the truth **I Peter 5:8** with **empty words**. What are empty words? Discrimination.

II Peter 3:3-9 (Focus on verses 3 and 4)

II Tim 3:1-5

*“plausible, but devoid of truth. and employed to palliate heathen vices” (Vincent)*

Mitigate via rationalization the “vice” or “sin” to the point to make the sin not appear to be sinful.

Actions that 10 years ago would make people say or think “Oh My!” are no big deal now.

**Such things**/these things Refers back to verses 3 – 5.

Gods **wrath GK** for wrath?

I Thes 5:9 did not appoint us to suffer wrath

I Thes 1:10 Jesus rescues us from the coming wrath

**Comes** on those who are disobedient **GK “Comes”** Middle voice Present Indicative

God does not choose to send people to hell for eternity. They make the choice for themselves.

**Disobedient GK:** unwillingness to be persuaded, willful unbelief, obstinacy

### Verse 5:7

**Do not be partners with them**

Partners/Partakers GK: “partnering together with one”

Be GK: PIM Present Imperative Active in negative: “Stop becoming one with them”.

II Cor 5:17

Joshua 17:12-13

Jews allowed Canaanites to stay with them even after the Jews were strong enough to get rid of them. The Jews chose to keep them around, even though God warned the Canaanites would lead them astray. Sin with us!

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**Applications to Us:**

1. *Mimicking*
  - a. Who are you mimicking in life?
  - b. Why are you mimicking that person?
  
2. What are you allowing in your life that is a trap or snare for you?
  - a. Canaanite type person?
  - b. Secret sin?
  - c. Greed?