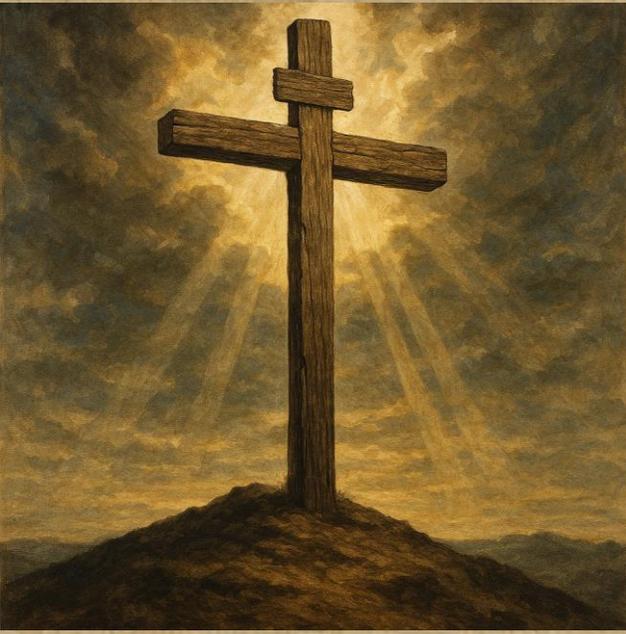


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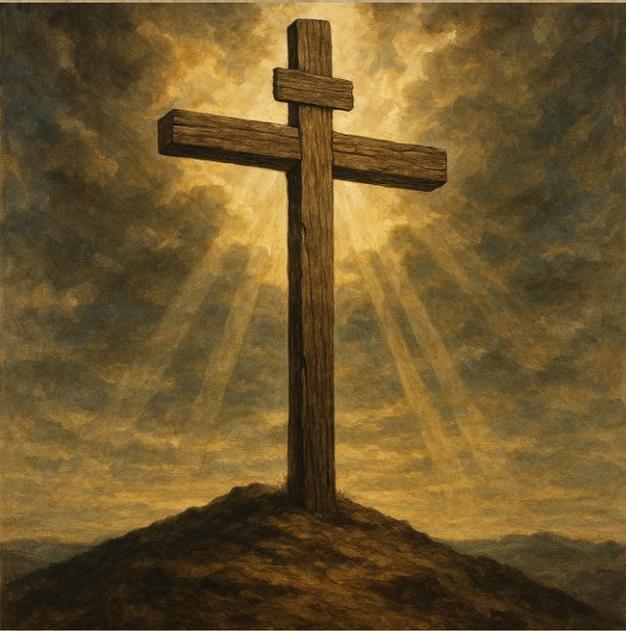


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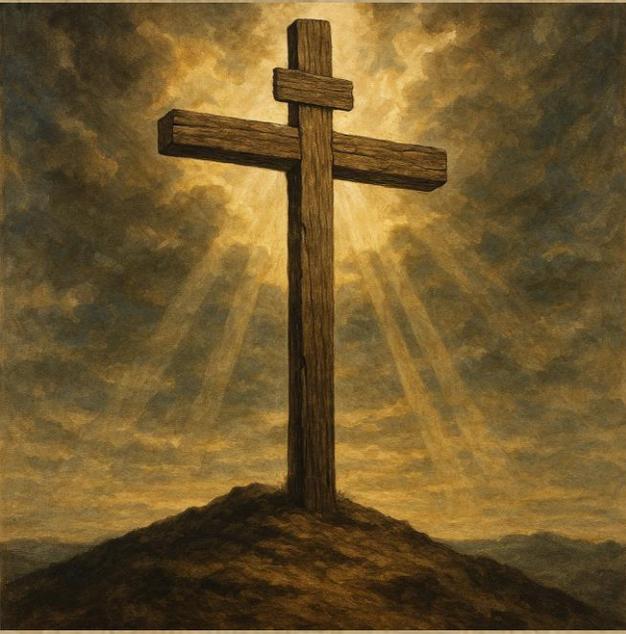


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How to Live Ephesians 5



Ephesians 5 NIV

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How are we to follow God's example?



Ephesians 5

- **5 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.

How do we imitate God?

Imitators of God

- **God so loved the world.... John 3:16**
- **While we were still sinners Christ died for us...Rom 5:8**
- ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **We are to share** agape love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, relationship, restoration, fellowship, spiritual blessings, and a peace that surpasses our understanding.



Colossians 3:12

- ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves *with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience*. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

How do we imitate God? Colossians can be added to the list

Immorality

- **Eph 5** ³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Immorality

- **Col 3** ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the **wrath** of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ¹⁸ The **wrath** of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

- **Rom 1** ²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents.

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- **Rom 1** ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Plain language about impending wrath.

- **EPH 5 .** ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things **God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.** ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

Children of Light

EPH 5 ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and **find out what pleases the Lord**. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Children of Light

Col 1 ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³

Children of Light

¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Children of Light

The dead verses alive paradigm has now been exchanged for the **darkness verses light**. In the beginning light overcame the darkness of chaos Gen 1 while Jesus makes the proclamation that he is the light of the world. John 8. Paul will go on to describe deeds of light verses darkness and our obligation to expose darkness in view of the light.

Children of Light 1 Peter 1:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of *darkness into his wonderful light*. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 1 light

- “⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it
- ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

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John 8 light

- ¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Col 1:13 light

- ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Time is precious /Encounters are limited

- **EPH 5** ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the Lord's will is.**

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slide repeated to emphasized LEARNING and DOING God's will

Lifestyle Decisions Eph 5:18-20

- ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Lifestyle Decisions Col 3:16-17

- ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through **psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit**, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father

- **The small Church not defined in Colossians**
- **COL 3** ¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
- ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

- **The small Church**

EPH 5 ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

- **The small Church**

EPH 5 ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and *gave himself up for her* ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

- . ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

- **Children**

- **EPH 6** ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”— which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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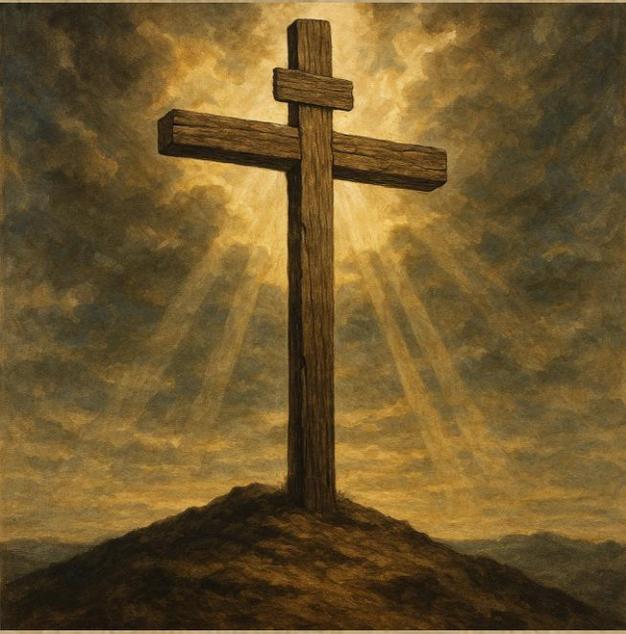
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- **Slaves**

- **EPH 6** ⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.
- ⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

- **Slaves**

- **Col 3** ²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.



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Eph 1:1 Col 1:1

- **1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
- To God's holy people in Ephesus,^[a] the faithful in Christ Jesus:² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
- ^[a](Ephesians 1:1 Some early manuscripts do not have *in Ephesus.*)
- **1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters^[a] in Christ:
- Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Eph 1:4 Col 3:12 1:22

- ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love
- ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience..
- ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Eph 1:7 Col 3:14

- ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Eph 1:8-9 Col 1:9 1:26

- ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ
- ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, — ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

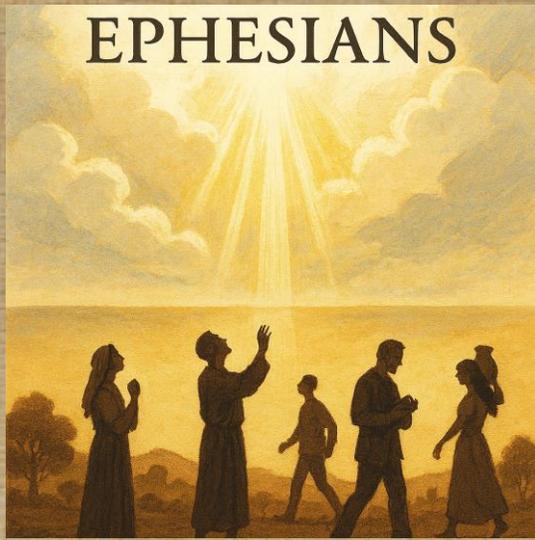
Eph 1:10 Col 1:16

- ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.
- ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him

Eph 1:12 Col 1:23

- ¹¹ In him we were also chosen*, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.
- *Ephesians 1:11 *Or were made heirs*
- ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

EPHESIANS



Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12

Heavenly
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with God

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God's Creation

Spiritual Realms

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John 3 16

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Eph 2:4

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Eph 2:4

Seated with Christ
Incomparable riches
Kindness

LIGHT

Raised

John3: 18b

does not believe
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Eph 2:1

DEAD
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Eph 2:1

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