

Recreating the Text of Ephesians 5:1-21

*“THEREFORE be imitators of God, as beloved children;
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.

*But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you,
as is proper among saints;*

*and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting,
which are not fitting,*

but rather giving of thanks.

*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.*

Let no one deceive you with empty words,

*for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of
disobedience.*

Therefore do not be partakers with them;

for you were formerly darkness,

but now you are light in the Lord;

walk as children of light

*(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.*

*And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose
them;*

*for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in
secret.*

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

*For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And
Christ will shine on you.”*

Therefore be careful how you walk,

not as unwise men, but as wise,

making the most of your time,

because the days are evil.

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

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation,

but be filled with the Spirit,

*speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;*

*always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
God, even the Father;*

and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.” (Ephesians 5:1–21, NASB)