

Walk In Love

## *Ephesians 5:1-2 Message*

**Walk in love by imitating the  
sacrificial love of God and Christ**

*Or, walk in love so that the family likeness is  
obvious*

# *Ephesians Outline*

**Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)**

**Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (4-6)**

**Walk in unity (4:1-16)**

**Walk in holiness (4:17-32)**

**Walk in love (5:1-6)**

**Walk in the divine kind of love (5:1-2)**

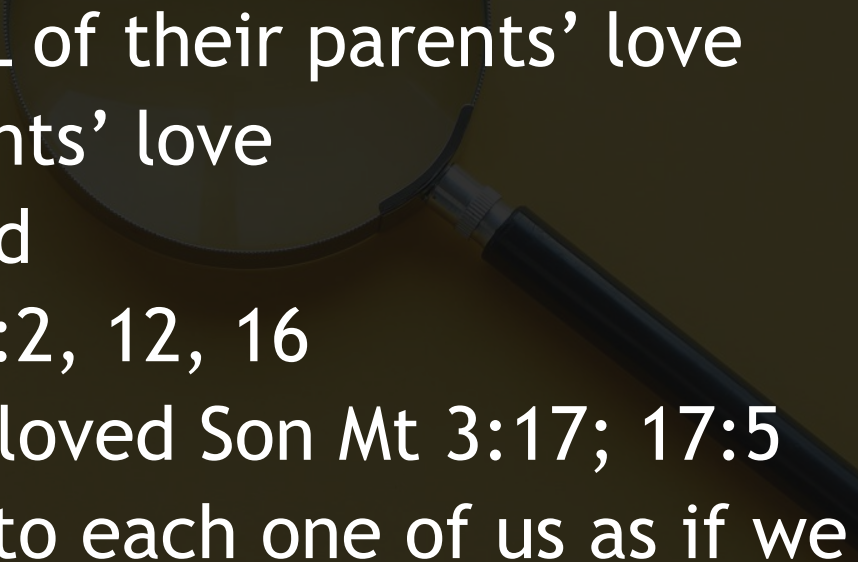
**Steer clear of all types of evil (5:3-6)**

# Walk in the divine kind of love

## I. Become imitators of God (1)

*Steadily advance toward perfect imitation of God*

# “Beloved”

- An only child who enjoyed ALL of their parents’ love
  - Never had to share their parents’ love
  - Could refer to being contented
  - Used for “only son” in Gen 22:2, 12, 16
  - Used for Jesus, God’s only, beloved Son Mt 3:17; 17:5
  - God is able to direct His love to each one of us as if we are His only child!
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As beloved  
children...

Being so intensely loved  
ought to compel you to love  
intensely

Develop a reputation for  
loving

In your intense, intimate one-  
to-one relationship with God,  
imitate Him

# “Children”

- Little children who were dependent on their parents
- It expresses a close, tender relationship to the parent

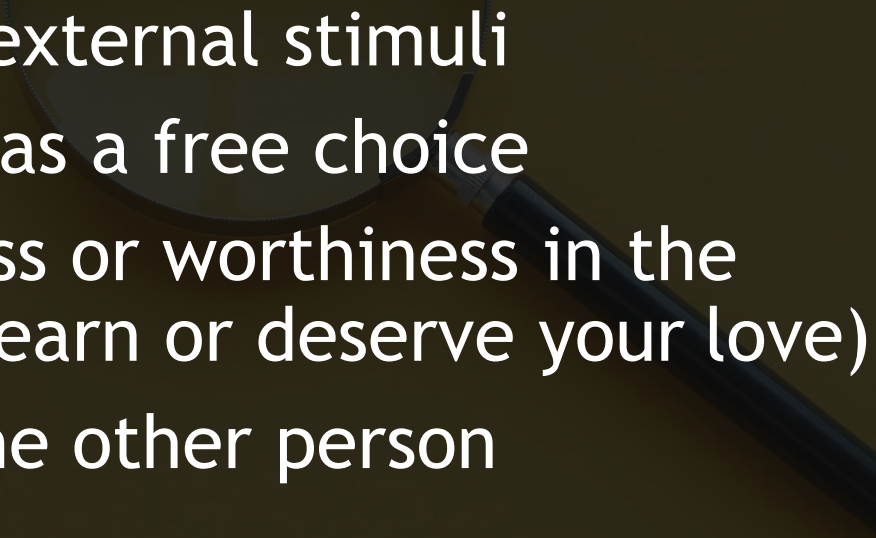
*In this tender, dependent relationship with God, imitate Him*

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- I. Become imitators of God (1)
- II. To imitate Him, walk in love (2a)



# “Love” (*Agapé*)

- It is not driven by impulse or external stimuli
  - It deliberately chooses to act as a free choice
  - It is not prompted by loveliness or worthiness in the recipient (they don't have to earn or deserve your love)
  - It seeks the highest good of the other person
  - Godly love gives and serves
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## Godly love (agap )

“Love engages your neighbor’s specific personal needs and struggles. Love encompasses many things: attitudes of patience and kindness; actions that meet material needs and offer a helping hand. And love includes honest conversation...candid, verbal problem solving, in contrast with the judgmentalism, avoidance, bitterness, and aggression that come so easily”

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- I. Become imitators of God (1)
- II. To imitate Him, walk in love (2a)
- III. Jesus is our supreme model for walking in sacrificial love (2b)

Jesus loved you  
all the while He  
hung on that  
cross bleeding  
for you

The Son of God *“loved me, and delivered Himself up for me”*

*“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”*


Jesus said *“the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep”*

*“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”*

(Gal 2:20; Rom 5:8; Jn 10:11; Jn 15:13)

“Jesus  
gave Himself up  
for an offering  
and a sacrifice  
to God”

(Eph 5:2)



Love's cost  
reveals  
love's depth