

Fellowship #5: Walking the path of love in Christ Jesus

Where the rubber meets the road

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The imitation of God is the Spirit-illuminated, flesh-rejecting golden path of joy and purpose in Christ for those that love Him and who wish to please Him. This path is the hallowed ground on which all true Christian fellowship finds its footing, traction and forward progress. Every child of God, without exception, is called to walk this path, with other believers, in the strength and instruction of the grace of God.

Wait! The reckoning before you get started: What's my condition?



Preparation of mind/realization before you intentionally step onto the path of fellowship love in Christ Jesus – 4:17-24 – **Off with fallen, corrupt first Adam, on with the Last Adam!**

See Colossians 3:9-10.

2 Cor 5:17



Walking the path of fellowship love - 7 rules of the road:

1. **No lying: v25 - Why?** we are members (*mellos*) of one another! Lying to another is lying to ourselves.
2. **Be angry at sin only- V26-27,** Be slow to get on that wagon and quick and eager to jump off! Anger is like corrosive acid!
Why? *It gives the Devil a place to stand and accuse us and others!*
3. **No stealing or laziness, rather gracious giving to others - v28**
Why? *The need of a brother or sister is a call for God to pour out His lovely grace through you as the channel.*
4. **No degrading or rotten conversation, rather building one another up - V29-30. Why?** Our speech reflects the heart, and our hearts are to be filled with undeserved grace and gratitude, and our mouths instruments of God's grace and blessing. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we jam his channel of communication with filth.
5. **Dump this six-fold garbage! - V31. Why?** These are *nothing but self-serving and fellowship destroying attitudes and deeds of the flesh!* They belong to the history of the 1st Adam, not the 2nd Adam!
6. **Enjoy wearing these crown jewels! V32. Why?** God, in Christ has been gracious to us when we were undeserving. He forgave us in Him.
7. **Be wise imitators of God,** not *mindless drones for the flesh!* 5:1-2



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- February 13th, 2022 -

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2

- 4, Come Thou Almighty King
- 2, God our Father, we adore Thee
- They Mercy my God
- Come Praise and Glorify

Special music: Ubi Caritas et Amor – When Charity and Love

Bible Quiz

Announcements and Prayer requests

Greeting

Message in the Word – Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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Sending prayer

"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." (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Notes

Prayer Requests, Praises - Hebrews 4:16

- Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
- Remember those who are ill or aged and cannot meet with us.
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We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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