The Holy Spirit & Me Series

**“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Love, Light & Wisdom (Ephesians 5:1-17)**

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**Introduction**

1. Now that we are in chapter five we are still learning how to walk worthy of our calling (Eph 4:1). In this calling we have seen that we are walk in the way of Jesus by…
	1. Walking together in unity (Eph 4:1-16)
	2. Walking in purity by truth and holiness (Eph 4:17-32)
2. Today we learn to walk (or conduct ourselves) by…
	1. Walking in love for God is love (Eph 5:1-7)
	2. Walking as light for God is light (Eph 5:8-14)
	3. Walking in wisdom for God is truth (Eph 5:15-17)
3. **Walk In Love (5:1-7)**
	1. Following Christ As Our Example (v1-2)
		1. Paul has set for us the highest standard in all the world…Be imitators of God!
		2. As children of God we have become “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Pet 1:4) and since God is love we are to walk in love.
		3. John 15:13 says there is no greater love than a sacrificial love for others. Since Jesus gave us His life we ought to give Him ours. (Rom 12:1-2)
	2. With A Love That Is Pure (v3-7)
		1. This walk of love will always seek to please God not disobey God or injure people. It is a love given to us from God so that we can imitate it to others (Rom 5:5)
		2. That is why our walk should be free from any hint of immorality and greed (v3). For we are saints (set apart) from the darkness into the marvelous light (1 Pet 2:9).
		3. In verse 4 we are warned of the sins dealing with our mouths which in reality is really sins of the heart. A person’s character can be seen at what he laughs or cries at. Saints see nothing enjoyable about “foolish talking”.
		4. All these sins are serious concerns for the Christian for there is no place in God’s kingdom for those who live immoral and impure lives. The doom is not just in the future but in the present for they are not allowed to be in the kingdom.
		5. In verse 6 there comes a great deal of deception from within and without. With empty and words they would deceive us that these sins are ok or just part of our culture.
		6. Paul argues about this in Romans 6 when many proclaimed that the more we sin the more grace God will give. God judges sin and to be His means we are not to be found in sin. Even though we are not sinless we do sin less and less and less!

**Conclusion**

1. As Christians are to no longer live in the darkness as the rest of the world does. We are of the light, ones who imitate God by walking in love and truth.
2. Let us not be deceived by the world who takes sin so lightly but instead be lights of the love of God in our homes, jobs or anywhere we go!