

**Ephesians 5:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. <sup>4</sup> And coarse and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks. <sup>5</sup> For know and recognize this: no sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for because of these things God's wrath is coming on the disobedient.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, do not become their partners. <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord. Walk as children of light— <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light [results] in all goodness, righteousness, and truth— <sup>10</sup> discerning what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> Everything exposed by the light is made clear, <sup>14</sup> for what makes everything clear is light. Therefore it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you. . . . .(HCSB)

**Your Family Resemblance**

***In Ephesians 5:1-14, Paul calls us to show forth our family resemblance to God as we walk two ways.***

**I. We show our family resemblance to God when we walk in I \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-6).**

A. *The Command (5:2)*

B. *The Contrast in six opposites of love (5:3-4)*

C. *The Confirmation (5:5-6)*

**II. We show our family resemblance to God when we walk in I \_\_\_\_\_ (5:7-14).**

A. *The Command (5:7-10)*

B. *The Contrast (5:11-13)*

C. *The Confirmation (5:14)*