

LIVE IN THE _____ WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN
Ephesians 5:1-2

- I. _____ God Vs 1a
- A. To _____ in a good sense
 - B. To _____ become more and more like
 - C. A process of continual _____ into God-likeness
 - 1. _____ at salvation
 - 2. _____ until the day we enter Heaven
- II. Follow God as dear _____ Vs 1b
- A. Dear-very dear, _____, beloved
 - 1. Colossians 1:7, 13; 1 Thessalonians 2:8
 - 2. There is no _____ that we are loved by God (1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.)
 - B. As "loved" children, we are to _____ our heavenly Father (Matt 27:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.)
- III. As loved children, God's _____ is to be who and what we are Vs 2a "Walk in love"
- A. John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
 - B. Eph 3:14 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
 - C. Eph 4:1-2 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
 - D. Eph 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
 - E. Col 3:12, 14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 14 And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.
 - F. 1 Thess 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
 - G. 1Jn 4:19-21 We love him, because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.
- IV. As loved children, we are to give of _____ to God and other people Vs 2b
- A. "Christ loved us and gave himself for us"-Christ motivated love _____ one to give of themselves to others
 - 1. Jn 15:12-13 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
 - 2. 2Co 5:14-15 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

3. Gal 1:3-5 *Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
 4. Gal 3:13 (NKJV) *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),*
 5. 1Pe 2:20-24 *For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*
- B. "An offering and a sacrifice to God"-true love is from God and goes _____ to God as the believer does what they do in service _____ God and others
1. "Offering and sacrifice"-the idea of the phrase is Christ coming to the Father and presenting _____ to the Father as a sacrificial offering, not for Himself, but in the _____ of others.
 2. "A sweet-smelling savor"-a fragrance that God _____, it was sweet smell to Him.
 3. Eph 3:19 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*
 4. 1Jn 4:12 *No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

"As the spokes of a carriage-wheel approach their center, they approach each other: so also, when men are brought to Jesus Christ, the center of life and hope, they are drawn towards each other in brotherly relationship, and stand side by side journeying to their heavenly home." Rev. J. F. Serjeant.