

“In Christ: Walking in Love”
Ephesians 5:1-2,10

“Walking Worthy”= In balance, in step with the character of God graced to us in Christ (Eph 4:1)

We Are Called to Be Living Demonstrations of Our New Reality in Christ – Eph 4:1; 5:1

- Not trying hard to be like Jesus, but trusting Jesus to be Himself – Eph 1:3; Col 2:9-10;
II Pet 1:3,4

...everything God gives us in Christ is livable – Ro 6:10; Ga 2:20

- Everything God does is compelled by His love – Jo 3:16; I Jo 4:8

...in God’s family, Love sets the course – II Cor 5:14

- To “imitate God”, we put love into motion – Eph 5:2; Ro 5:5

To Walk in Love

- We first get lost/immersed in God’s love for us:

...we are His “always being loved” children – Eph 5:1; Ro 1:7; Jude 1:1

...our love is made possible by God’s love – I Jo 4:19

- God’s love is:

...freely volitional: “an offering” – Eph 5:2; Matt 10:8

- love is not a skill, but a gift – I Jo 3:16

- “Here I am, send me”; “I’ll be for others” – Jo 20:21

...extremely personal: “gave Himself” – Eph 5:2; Jo 1:12

- love must be personalized – Jo 1:14

- “love _____ as me” – I Cor 13

...uncommonly sacrificial: “a sacrifice to God” – Eph 5:2; Heb 9:26

- love pays the price so others get what they need – I Cor 6:20; I Pet 1:18-19

- “Whatever it takes” – Jo 13:1; Phil 2:5-8